



REGULATORY FEES FACT SHEET

Federal Communications Commission
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WHAT YOU OWE – CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS

Cable television systems operating on October 1, 2002 must pay a regulatory fee per subscriber¹ for each of the community units in which they operate. You may pay for multiple community units with a single payment as long as the community units are all part of the same cable system or part of a group of commonly-owned cable systems. However, you must still list each individual community unit identifier (CUID).

Additionally, each licensee of a CARS facility operating on October 1, 2002 must pay a regulatory fee for each CARS license held. In instances where a license or authorization is transferred or assigned after October 1, 2002, the fee must be paid by the party that is the licensee or holder of the authorization on the date that the fee payment is due. You may submit a single payment for all of your regulatory fee obligations (i.e., "subscriber fees" and all CARS licenses; however, you must still list each individual community unit identifier (CUID) and CARS call sign. The number of subscribers on December 31, 2002 should be used as the basis from which to calculate the fee payment.

TYPE OF FEE	REGULATORY FEE PAYMENT	PAYMENT TYPE CODE
Cable System Subscriber Fee	\$0.66 per subscriber	0371
CARS License	\$90 per license	0370

Special Instructions for Completing FCC Forms 159 & 159-C

In addition to the general Form 159 filing instructions in the *FY 2003 Regulatory Fees Public Notice*, the following information applies specifically to cable television systems and CARS licensees:

Block (9) - Telephone Number:

- Enter the contact name and telephone number of the specific individual responsible for submitting the payment and supporting Form 159 and Form 159-C.

¹ Number of Subscribers In a Community Unit = Number of single family dwellings + Number of individual households in multiple dwelling units (e.g., apartments, condominiums, mobile home parks, etc.) paying at the basic subscriber rate + Number of bulk-rate customers + Number of courtesy and free service. (NOTE: Bulk-Rate Customers = total annual bulk rate charge ÷ basic annual subscription rate for individual households).

Block (11) - PAYER FRN:

- Enter the fee payer's FRN number.

Block (21) - APPLICANT FRN:

- If different from payer, enter the applicant's FRN number.

Block (23A) - FCC CALL SIGN/OTHER ID:

- Enter your Community Unit Identification number (CUID) for reporting subscribers in each community unit within your system. CUIDs must be entered in the following format: a two-digit state code followed immediately by four numbers (e.g. AL0002). Please do not add any dashes (-). **This Block must be completed for each CUID.**
- Enter the call sign for each CARS license. Call signs must be entered in one of the two following formats: for fixed stations, the call sign is generally comprised of three letters, followed by a dash, followed by two or three numbers (e.g. WAL-504). For mobile licenses, the call sign is generally comprised of two letters, followed by a dash, followed by five numbers (e.g. KB-60111). **This Block must be completed for each CARS license.**

Block (24A) - PAYMENT TYPE CODE:

- Enter **0371** when paying a subscriber fee. Subscriber information must be provided for each CUID in which the system is operated.
- Enter **0370** when making a regulatory fee payment for a CARS license.

Block (25A) - QUANTITY:

- For subscriber fees enter the number of subscribers within each CUID. For CARS licensees, enter "1" in this block for each call sign.

Block (27A) - TOTAL FEE:

- For subscriber fees (payment type code 0371), multiply the amount in Block 25A (Quantity) by \$0.66 and enter the result here. **Enter exact dollars and cents; do not round.**
- For CARS licenses (payment type code 0370) enter \$90.00.

Block (28A) - FCC CODE 1: Leave this block blank.

Block (29A) - FCC CODE 2:

- For subscriber fees only (payment type code 0371), provide the name of the community. Community names are not a substitute for the community unit identifier (CUID). You must also provide your CUID in Block 23A (FCC CALL SIGN/OTHER ID).

Block (30) - CERTIFICATION:

- Provide the printed name and signature of an individual owner/licensee or officer attesting to the accuracy and completeness of the information supplied.

Please include a daytime telephone number so that we can contact you if questions arise regarding your payment.

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