Administration Topics Review

Federal Communications Commission

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Market Surveillance

- Summary Report deadline reminder January 31, 2013
- Follow up e-mails to easaudit@fcc.gov
  - Include surveillance year, TC#s, explanation
- Blocked grantee codes issues must be resolved thru TCB that originally raised the concern
  - Grantees need to contact the original TCB
  - (Original) TCB sends request to unblock to the FCC when issues resolved
- Dismissals must include a statement that devices have not been sold **anywhere** – not sufficient to indicate that they have not been sold in US.
- Report of Failures should include corrective action. How many units have been sold?

Grantee Codes

- Grantee codes being assigned at increasing rate
- In November 2011 last unassigned grantee code was issued
- Now unclaimed grantee codes being assigned
  - Unclaimed means obtained but not paid for and no applications associated with code
- FCC12-60 - Order to allow increased number of grantee codes - released June 13, 2012
  - Effective August 24, 2012
- 47CFR 2.925 and 2.926 address grantee codes and FCCIDs

Current Grantee Code Process

- Codes assigned limited to 3 characters
- First character is alphabetic
- Second and third characters alphabetic or numeric.
  – Numbers zero and one not used as they can be confused with alphabetic I and O.
- Over 30,000 possible codes
- Codes are claimed when paid for
  – Must pay within 30 calendar days of obtaining

New Grantee Code Process

- Old codes will remain valid and not change
- New codes will be 5 characters long
- First character will be a number (no ones or zeros) to distinguish from three character codes.
- Remaining four characters can be alphabetic or numeric (no ones or zeros)
- Maximum length of product code will remain at 14 characters
  - Total length of FCCID may now be 19 characters
- Allows for about 10 million total grantee codes

Grantee Code Examples

- FCCID=Grantee Code(G) +Product Code(P)
- Current Grantee Code Process
  - Grantee code = 3 characters
  - Product code = maximum of 14 characters
  - AGGPPPPPPPPPPPPP
    - A = grantee code character limited to alphabetic character only
- New Grantee Code Process
  - Grantee code = 5 characters
  - Product code = maximum of 14 characters
  - #GGGGPPPPPPPPPPPPPP
    - # = grantee code character limited to numeric value only (no zeros or ones)

Grantee Code Timeline

- Equipment authorization system is being programmed and tested for new process
- After testing is completed a specific turn on date will be determined and publicized and on and after that date all new grantee codes issued will be 5 characters long
- Expected implementation before end of 2012
- At time of implementation KDB publications referencing 3 character grantee codes will be updated

Authorized Individual Policy

- KDB Publication 852134
  - FCC can contact and discuss applications with the following:
    - Grantee contact of record
    - Any key employee of submitting TCB
    - Any contact listed on Form 731
    - Any entity specified as an authorized contact thru information submitted as an attachment uploaded for a specific application.
  - Dismissal requests should be initiated by grantee but come through the TCB that granted the application

Filing System Changes

- TCB Login Changes
  - Login with one password per entity is being replaced with system where each user within the entity has a unique login.
    - Timeline not clear but may be by end of year
    - Prior to changing process TCBs will be provided details of new process and what is necessary to ensure a smooth transition
    - Logins may be linked to Key Employee List
- Other security enhancements will be implemented in the next few months
  - Details will be forthcoming

Questions and Answers

Thanks!