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Internet Radio Files for Emergency Stay

Large and Small Webcasters, National Public Radio File Joint Petition in U.S. Court of Appeals

WASHINGTON D.C. – An emergency stay filed today in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit could delay the looming D-Day for Internet radio. The motion, filed by the Digital Media Association in conjunction with National Public Radio, and the Small Commercial Webcasters, formally requests the court delay the implementation of a “radical and arbitrary” recording royalty rate increase imposed by the Copyright Royalty Board May 1. Legislation that would repeal the rate increase is pending in the Senate and the House, but may not be brought to a vote in either chamber before July 15th, the day the first payments under the newly increased rates for webcasters are due.

“July 15th, D-day for Internet radio, is fast approaching,” SaveNetRadio spokesperson, Jake Ward said, “and we are hopeful that today’s motion for an emergency stay will afford the Internet radio industry crucial time to rehear this case. We have every confidence that Congress will continue to give the Internet Radio Equality Act the attention it deserves with the urgency it requires, as evidenced by the over 100 cosponsors who have signed on H.R. 2060 since its April 26th introduction. SaveNetRadio and the millions of webcasters, artists, and listeners we represent urge the Court to give this motion full consideration.”

For completely language of the motion for an emergency stay filed today visit www.SaveNetRadio.org.

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