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IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT DCIA RED LIGHT RULE IMPLEMENTATION

On November 1, 2004, the Federal Communication Commission (Commission) will begin enforcement of its new red light rule, adopted earlier this year to facilitate implementation of the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA).

The red light rule, found at 47 C.F.R. §1.1910, provides that anyone seeking a benefit from the Commission or one of its components (including the Universal Service Fund, the Telecommunications Relay Service, or the North American Numbering Plan Administrator) who is delinquent in debt owed to the Commission will be unable to obtain a benefit until there is resolution of that delinquency.

Beginning November 1, anyone filing an application or seeking a benefit who is discovered to be delinquent in debt owed to the Commission will be notified of the delinquency and given 30 days to pay the debt in full or make other satisfactory arrangements. Failure to do so will result in dismissal of the application or other request for a benefit.

In anticipation of the effective date of the red light rule, we received many inquiries concerning delinquent debts reflected in the Commission's records. We have diligently been working to respond to these inquiries. We will not apply the red light rule to anyone who inquired about a pending delinquency prior to November 1 who has not received a response to their inquiry.

We encourage interested parties to access the Red Light Display (RLD) system to see if they have outstanding delinquent debt with the Commission. Access to this system requires your FCC Registration Number (FRN), and an established password. The RLD system is located at www.fcc.gov/redlight.

You may also use Fee Filer's Bills & Receivables module in order to pay an outstanding delinquent debt on-line via credit card. Fee Filer is located at <https://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/Feefiler/login.cfm>.

For general information about outstanding delinquencies, the RLD system or how to change information in CORES, please contact 1-877-480-3201, Option 4.

For further information pertaining to the Red Light Rule, please contact Regina Dorsey, Special Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer, at 202-418-1925, or Regina.Dorsey@fcc.gov.