

Important dates for Vermont Broadcasters - 2012

January 3—January 12. Filing Window for Participation in FM Auction No. 93 opens.

January 10—FCC Form 398 Children's Television Programming Reports Due.

January 10—Children's Television Commercial Limitations Certification must be prepared and placed in the Public Inspection File.

January 10—Quarterly Issues Programs Lists. All radio and television broadcast stations, both commercial and noncommercial, must prepare and place in their public inspection files a list of important issues facing their communities, and the programs aired in the months of October, November and December dealing with those issues.

January 14—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming. By Jan. 14, webcasters, including radio stations simulcasting their programming on the Web, must pay the monthly royalty fee to SoundExchange for music streamed by the webcaster during the month ending Nov. 30, 2011, and file Reports of Use providing information about the songs they streamed. Stations also have obligations to pay ASCAP, BMI and SESAC. Look to your agreements with these organizations to make sure that you meet all required deadlines.

January 21—Lowest Unit Rate Window Opens. Jan. 21 is the first day of the Lowest Unit Rate period for the Vermont presidential primary to be held on March 6.

February 1—Annual EEO Public File Report. By Feb. 1, radio and television stations in New York must place in their Public Inspection File and post on their Web site, if they have one, their FCC Annual EEO Public File Report.

February 1—FCC Form 323-E Biennial Ownership Reports Due for Noncommercial Stations in New York.

February 14—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming.

March 16—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming

March 27—FM Auction No. 93 Begins.

April 10—FCC Form 398 Children's Television Programming Reports Due.

April 10—Children's Television Commercial Limitations Certification must be prepared and placed in the Public Inspection File.

April 10—Quarterly Issues Programs Lists must be prepared and placed in the Public Inspection File.

April 14—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming

May 15—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming.

June 14—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming.

July 10—FCC Form 398 Children's Television Programming Reports Due.

July 10—Children's Television Commercial Limitations Certification must be prepared and placed in the Public Inspection File.

July 10—Quarterly Issues Programs Lists must be prepared and placed in the Public Inspection File.

July 14—Lowest Unit Rate Window Opens for the August 28 primary elections in Vermont.

July 15—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming.

July 28—Lowest Unit Rate Window Opens for the September 11 primary elections in New Hampshire and New York.

July 31—Copyright Royalty Claims Due for Eligible Television Stations. Parties interested in seeking compensation from the cable and satellite royalty funds for the year 2011 must file the appropriate form with the Copyright Royalty Board by July 31, 2012.

August 14—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming.

September—Annual FCC Regulatory Fees Due. Although the precise date will not be determined until the Summer of 2012, the deadline for paying the FCC's Annual Regulatory Fees is typically mid-September.

September 7—Lowest Unit Rate Window Opens for November 6 General Election.

September 14—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming.

October 10—FCC Form 398 Children's Television Programming Reports Due.

October 10—Children's Television Commercial Limitations Certification must be prepared and placed in the Public Inspection File.

October 10—Quarterly Issues Programs Lists must be prepared and placed in the Public Inspection File.

October 15—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming.

November 6—General Election.

November 14—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming.

December 1—Annual EEO Public File Report. By Dec. 1, radio and television station employment units in New Hampshire and Vermont must place in their Public Inspection File and post on their Web site, if they have one, their FCC Annual EEO Public File Report.

December 3—FCC Form 317 (ancillary and supplementary services) and any applicable revenue percentage fee due for DTV Stations.

December 3—FCC Form 323-E Biennial Ownership Reports Due for Noncommercial Television Stations in New Hampshire and Vermont.

December 15—Copyright Royalties for Internet Streaming.