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### The Freeze Is Coming

While much of the country has been "enjoying" temperatures below 32°, a freeze of a different type is coming. In anticipation of the filing window for the 67 vacant and reserved non-commercial allotments (February 19 through February 26), the FCC will implement a freeze on the filing of commercial and non-commercial applications. The freeze goes into effect at 11:59 PM on Friday, February 5, 2010. This freeze will allow the database to be set to accommodate the submission of applications for the reserved channels that are actually located in the commercial band. The freeze affects all FM minor change applications on FCC Forms 301 and 340. The freeze will conclude with the close of the window on February 26, 2010. Minor change applications can once again be submitted on Saturday, February 27, 2010. The freeze does not affect the filing of FM translator, FM booster, AM, or TV applications.

### Not So Fast

In previous months we reminded everyone that the limited LPTV window would expand to allow filing for new LPTV digital facilities country wide, beginning January 25, 2010. The limited window, more than 75 miles from the top 100 TV markets, opened August 2009. Late last month, the FCC issued a Public Notice pushing the date back to July 26, 2010 to allow the processing of all of the applications received since the August window opened. This delay will also allow for

the filing of displacement applications for existing stations. For those with an interest in looking for channels in the top 100 markets, we suggest that searches wait until a bit closer to the actual window.

### LPFM

The move to delete third adjacent channel protection for low power FM's continues. The U.S. House of Representatives has approved the lifting of the third adjacent rules for LPFM stations. Once the Senate follows suit and the bill is signed, LPFM stations will get more flexibility. This could also prompt an LPFM filing window. However, the pending FM translator applications submitted in 2003 could also limit available channels for LPFM stations.

### Thanks to All of You

Graham Brock, Inc., begins its seventeenth year in business this year. We wish to thank all of our clients for their patronage and support over the years. We look forward to another year of serving your engineering needs.

### What Would You Like to See?

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