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NEWS

FCC Will Demo New Online Public File on June 13

Here's what you need to know about this important demonstration

June 3, 2016 By [Paul McLane](#)

The public file of course is one of the ways federal rules most affect the daily work of commercial and NCE radio and TV stations managers. **As we've reported**, the new online system will replace the current Broadcast Public Inspection File process, and the FCC already has made available a beta site so you can try it out.

The FCC says it will exhibit the interface that will be used by broadcast TV and radio stations, cable systems, satellite television and radio systems to file documents. It plans to inform users of the design, layout and content of the OPIF site, discuss how to upload information and files, and present the new Application Program Interface (API) functionalities. The demonstration will also be available online.

The demo will take place Monday, June 13 at 1p.m. EDT at FCC headquarters in Washington. The commission said anyone interested in participating online may do so by visiting <https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2016/06/demonstration-expanded-online-public-inspection-file-interface> and clicking the link for the appropriate webcast session information.

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For radio, the rollout is happening in two phases. As of June 24 commercial stations in the top 50 markets with five or more full-time employees must start using the system (along with SiriusXM and certain cable and DBS providers). They'll then also have to place existing public file documents online within six months, though existing political file material is exempted. The deadline for others is March 1, 2018; this includes all NCE radio broadcast stations; commercial radio broadcast stations in the top 50 Nielsen Audio markets with fewer than five full-time employees; and all commercial radio broadcast stations in markets below the top 50 or outside all markets (as well as certain cable providers). LPFM stations are **exempt from public file rules**, and we have heard no indication that this will change.

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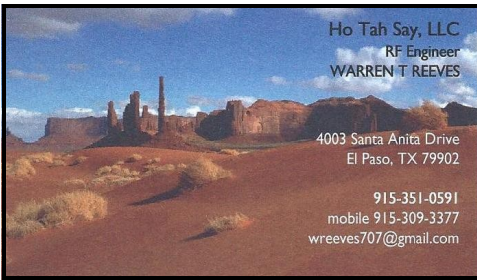
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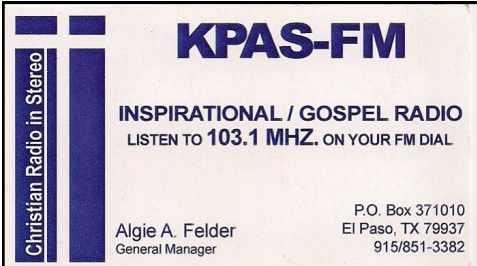
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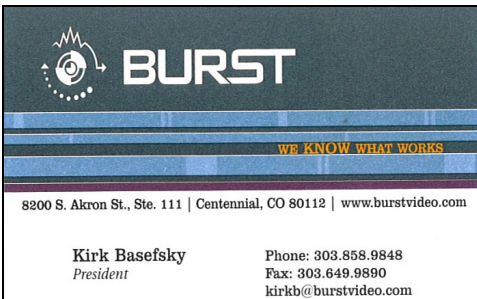


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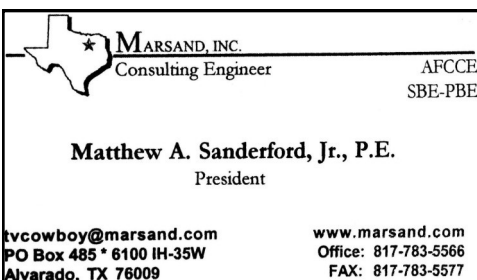
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The law firm of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman noted, "Today's Public Notice also notes that the website address where the new online public file will be hosted will be <https://publicfiles.fcc.gov/>.

Once a station has transitioned to the online public file, it must provide a link to the new online public inspection file from the home page of the station's website, if it has one. Full power and Class A television stations that already have such a link will need to update that link to reflect the new website address." That new link is not yet active.

A NOTE FROM SBE NATIONAL:

The annual election of national officers and half the directors of the SBE Board of Directors will begin when a link to the web-based ballot is emailed to members on July 25. Ballots will be mailed to those who have opted out of e-voting. There is currently one candidate for each officer position and eight candidates for six board seats. Additional candidates may be nominated by the membership. Qualified members who are willing to run and serve if elected will be added to the ballot if nominated by at least ten members by July 12.

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EL PASO, TX SBE CHAPTER 38 MEETING MINUTE

DATE 05/10/2016 LOCATION: COMO'S Italian Restaurant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 12:35 PM, BY ANTONIO CASTRO.
THERE WERE 6 MEMBERS.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: MINUTES IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER. ACCEPTED BY MARIO JIMENEZ, SECONDED BY MARIO TELLEZ.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: \$ 7,932.46 IN THE BANK. ACCEPTED BY NORBERT MILES, SECONDED BY OWEN SMITH.

REPORT OF THE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE: NO REPORT.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: NO REPORT.

REPORT OF THE FREQUENCY COORDINATOR COMMITTEE: AZTECA 20 TO MOVE FROM CHANNEL 41 TO CHANNEL 30.

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: NO REPORT

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE: 2030 HITS LAST TIME, NOW 2043. (13).

REPORT OF THE EAS CHAIRMAN: BOTH TX AND NM MONTHLY TESTS WERE OKAY.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: MARIO JIMENEZ PROPOSED TO HAVE A PRESENTATION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY FROM "HARMONIC" ABOUT OMNION SERVER AND "PEBBLE BROADCAST" AUTOMATION. WILL SCHEDULE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: WILL UPDATE THE LIST OF E-MAILS AND PHONE NUMBERS OF THE CHAPTER MEMBERS,

NEW BUSINESS OR ANY ITEMS FOR THE CHAPTER INTERESTS: ENNES WORKSHOP IS COMING, 19 REGISTRANTS. ENGINEER OF THE YEAR ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: JUNE 14, 2016. CLEAR CHANNEL STUDIOS AT 6 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED: AT 12:58 PM.

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JUNE PROGRAM

**WHAT A GREAT PRESENTATION
WE HAD IN MAY, IT WAS ONLY
OUR 2016 ENNES WORKSHOP,
NOTHING ELSE AND NOTHING
MORE**



**NOW, FOR JUNE, WE ARE GOING
TO MEET AT THE OLD CLEAR
CHANNEL STUDIO. WE NEED TO
FINISH THE ELECTION FOR THE
2016 CHAPTER ENGINEER OF
THE YEAR. ALSO NEED TO RE-
VIEW A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICA-
TION.**

WHEN: JUNE 14 2016

TIME: 6 PM

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DRINKS IN YOUR FUTURE !!!**

