

Federal Communications Commission

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contain a certification that the applicant has or will have the financial ability to meet the expected costs of constructing the facilities within the time allowed and the estimated operating expenses for a period of twelve months.

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§ 21.18 [Reserved]

§ 21.19 Waiver of rules.

Waivers of these rules may be granted upon application or on the Commission's own motion. A request for waiver shall contain a statement of reasons sufficient to justify a waiver. A waiver will not be granted except upon an affirmative showing that:

(a) The underlying purpose of the rule will not be served, or would be frustrated, by its application in the particular case, and that grant of the waiver is otherwise in the public interest; or

(b) The unique facts and circumstances of a particular case render application of the rule inequitable, unduly burdensome or otherwise contrary to the public interest. Applicants must also show the lack of a reasonable alternative.

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§ 21.20 Defective applications.

(a) Unless the Commission shall otherwise permit, an application will be unacceptable for filing and will be returned to the applicant with a brief statement as to the omissions or discrepancies if:

(1) The application is defective with respect to completeness of answers to questions, informational showings, execution, or other matters of a formal character; or

(2) The application does not substantially comply with the Commission's rules, regulations, specific requests for additional information, or other requirements.

(b) By way of illustration only, and not in any way limiting the scope of paragraph (a), the following are examples of common deficiencies which result in defective applications under paragraph (a):

(1) The application is not properly executed;

(2) The submitted filing fee (if a filing fee is required) is insufficient;

(3) The application does not demonstrate how the proposed radio facilities will serve the public interest, convenience or necessity;

(4) The application does not demonstrate compliance with the special requirements applicable to the radio service involved;

(5) The application does not certify the availability of the proposed station site.

(6) The application does not include the environmental assessment required for any significant environmental impact under the Commission's environmental rules (part 1, subpart I);

(7) The application does not specify the polarization and, where applicable, the antenna orientation azimuth and distance;

(8) The application does not include all necessary exhibits;

(9) The application is filed after the cutoff date prescribed in § 21.31 or § 21.914 of this part; or

(10) The application proposes the use of a frequency not allocated to such use.

(c) Applications considered defective under paragraph (a) of this section may be accepted for filing if:

(1) The application is accompanied by a request which sets forth the reasons in support of a waiver of (or an exception to), in whole or in part, any specific rule, regulation, or requirement with which the application is in conflict; or

(2) The Commission, upon its own motion, waives (or allows an exception to), in whole or in part, any rule, regulation or requirement.

(d) If an applicant is requested by the Commission to file any documents or any supplementary or explanatory information not specifically required in the prescribed application form, a failure to comply with such request within a specified time period will be deemed to render the application defective and will subject it to dismissal.

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