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Media Bureau Suspends Television and Radio Rules To Permit NCE Stations to Broadcast Commercial Programming in the Greater New Orleans Area

By this public notice the Media Bureau immediately suspends Sections 73.621(e) and 73.503(d) of the Commission's rules to permit noncommercial educational (NCE) television and radio stations to broadcast programming, including commercial matter, received from commercial broadcast stations. This waiver is limited to stations serving viewers and listeners in and near to New Orleans, LA.

This special relief is designed to bring immediate life saving and other important program information to the residents of New Orleans in the most expeditious manner possible. It is also intended to help facilitate the cooperative efforts of broadcasters to disseminate information with the limited broadcast facilities that are currently operational. This authority expires on November 1, 2005.

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