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## FCC Evaluates 76 Noncommercial Educational FM Application Groups

*Washington, DC* – The Federal Communications Commission today adopted a Memorandum Opinion and Order that will bring new or improved noncommercial educational (“NCE”) FM broadcast service to 76 communities, with millions of people expected to benefit from this decision. Because of the not-for-profit nature of NCE FM stations, such facilities are uniquely situated to provide a rich and varied blend of educational, cultural and informational programming specifically designed to serve the needs of their listeners. This action also represents a major step toward the opening of the first-ever filing window for new NCE FM station applications in fall 2007.

The Order evaluates approximately 200 applications for new or modified NCE FM station construction permits, comprising 76 “closed” applicant groups (*i.e.*, groups of mutually exclusive applications against which competing applications no longer may be filed), by awarding “points” to each applicant pursuant to the Commission’s NCE point system.

A chart summarizing the outcome for each application group, including the points awarded to each applicant and the tentative winner or tied winners for each group, is provided as an Appendix to the Order. The staff will issue public notices establishing deadlines for the filing of such petitions against the various tentative selectees. The Commission also will issue a public notice announcing the dates for a fall 2007 NCE FM window. When released, this notice will be available over the internet at [www.fcc.gov/mb/audio](http://www.fcc.gov/mb/audio) in the “Headlines” section.

Action by the Commission, March 22, 2007, by *Memorandum Opinion and Order* (FCC 07-40). Chairman Martin, Commissioners Copps, Adelstein Tate, and McDowell. Separate statements issued by Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, and McDowell.

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