



Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) 3.0 User Guide

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What is ECFS?

The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) is a web-based application that enables attorneys, public interest groups, concerned citizens, journalists, bloggers and others to make comments on proceedings set forth by the FCC.

Accessing ECFS

ECFS is a web-based application, and can be accessed from any current, major browser. The FCC strives to maintain compatibility with the browsers listed below, though the application may work with others.

- Chrome v48+
- Firefox v44+
- Safari v9+
- Internet Explorer v11
- Microsoft Edge v25+

To access the application, navigate to <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>, or click the **ECFS** link from the FCC home page.

From the ECFS home page, links are available to search and submit filings into official FCC proceedings.

Public API

ECFS now provides a public Application Programming Interface (API), so that external users and organizations with the appropriate technical capabilities can interact with the application without having to go through the Website. Interested parties should first register for a free key at <http://api.data.gov/>.

Then see the documentation at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/public-api-docs.html> to get started.

Submitting a Filing:

There are several ways to submit filings into ECFS:

- **Express Filings** are a way for members of the public to provide brief text comments on an FCC Ruling without having to complete the full submission form, and without having to attach a supporting document. This encourages more public participation in the FCC's rulemaking process.

- **Standard Filings** allow practitioners to file long-form comments on an FCC Ruling. Standard filings require more data fields to be filled out, and also require that the comment text be included in one or more document attachments.
- **Non-Docketed Filings** are comments posted in response to specific types of FCC Actions, categorized under the heading “FCC Inbox”. Non-Docketed filings also require a document attachment, and some also require payment of a fee.

To submit a filing, select “**Submit a Filing**” from the main menu bar, and then select the type of comment you’d like to submit from the sub-menu that appears.

Type 1: EXPRESS Filing

1. Choose a Proceeding:

The first step in filing an “Express Comment” is choosing a proceeding to comment on. Select a proceeding as shown below, then **click** on the desired proceeding, or highlight it using the cursor keys, and **press** the **<ENTER>** key on your keyboard to tag it. Repeating the process allows you to add multiple proceedings, thereby easily applying the same comment to more than one proceeding at once.

- by *date*: (in the example below, typing 06– returns all open proceedings from 2006 in the live dropdown box), or

The screenshot displays the ECFS Express interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes the FCC logo, 'Federal Communications Commission', and links for 'Filings & Proceedings SEARCH', 'Submit a FILING', 'Check filing STATUS', 'User HELP', and 'Staff LOGIN'. Below this, a sub-menu shows 'Standard Filing', 'Express Comment' (highlighted), and 'Non-Docketed Filing'.

The main section is titled 'ECFS Express' and features a three-step process: 1. COMMENT, 2. REVIEW, and 3. CONFIRMATION. The 'Proceeding(s)' dropdown is open, showing a list of proceedings starting with '06-'. The first item is '06-1 | Pleading cycle established for comments on petition for expedited declaratory ruling regarding section 253 of the Communication Act filed...'. Other items include '06-10 | Comments on United Power Line Council's petition for declaratory ruling regarding the classification of broadband over power line in...', '06-103 | Office of Engineering and Technology declares Multispectral Solution Inc. request for a waiver of part 15 to be a permit-but-disclose proc...', '06-105 | Application filed for the transfer of control of Telecommunicaciounes De Puerto Rico Inc. form Verizon Communication Inc. to Movil, S.A...', '06-109 | Comments on ACS'S petition for forbearance from certain dominant carrier regulation of its interstate access services and from Title II...', '06-113 | America Movil, S.A. DE C.V., Verizon Communications Inc. and Subsidiaries of Telecommunicaciones DE Puerto Rico Inc. seek FCC consent...', '06-119 | FCC seeks Comment on Recommendation of the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Netw...', '06-121 | In the Matter of 2006 Quadrennial Regulatory Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursue...', '06-122 | In the Matter of Universal Service Contribution Methodology Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service 1998 Biennial Regulatory Re...', '06-123 | In the Matter of The Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Broadcasting Satellite Service at the 17.3-17.7 GHz Frequency Ba...', '06-125 | Comments on petition for forbearance of Qwest Corp. and Qwest Communications corporation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 160(c) ...', and '06-129 | Petition of Image Access, Inc. d/b/a NewPhone for declaratory ruling pleading cycle established. ...'.


Below the dropdown, there are fields for 'Name(s) of Filer(s)', 'Primary Contact Email', 'Address' (with an 'International' checkbox), 'Address 2', 'City', and 'State'. The 'City' and 'State' fields have a note '* Required'.

- by *name*: To choose a proceeding by name, type in a key word (or phrase) from the specific proceeding you want to comment on. For example, typing `open internet` yields the following results:

The screenshot shows the ECFS Express interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Filings & Proceedings SEARCH, Submit a FILING, Check filing STATUS, User HELP, and Staff LOGIN. Below this is a secondary bar with Standard Filing, Express Comment (highlighted), and Non-Docketed Filing. The main header reads 'ECFS Express' followed by three numbered steps: 1 COMMENT, 2 REVIEW, and 3 CONFIRMATION. The 'Proceeding(s)' field contains the text 'open internet'. Below this, a list of search results is displayed, with the first result '14-28 | Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet' highlighted. Other results include '09-191 | In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet Broadband Industry Practices...', '11-154 | Closed Captioning of Internet Protocol-Delivered Video Programming', '02-52 | In the Matter of Internet Over Cable Declaratory Order Proceeding', '13-223 | Joint Application of Internet Solver, Inc. and Alliance Connect, LLC', '88-2 | OPEN NETWORK ARCHITECTURE PLANS. (PHASES I AND II)', '13-24 | Misuse of Internet Protocol (P) Captioned Telephone Service', '10-127 | In the Matter of Framework for Broadband Internet Service.', '02-33 | In the Matter of Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities', '13-318 | Closed Captioning Exemption Petitions for Video Programming Delivered Using Internet Protocol (IP)', '00-185 | In the Matter of Inquiry Concerning High-Speed Access to the Internet Over Cable and Other Facilities', and '92-256 | APPLICATION OF OPEN NETWORK ARCHITECTURE AND NONDISCRIMINATION SAFEGUARDS TO GTE CORPORATIONS'. The 'Name(s) of Filer(s)', 'Primary Contact Email', 'Address' (with an 'International' checkbox), 'Address 2', 'City', and 'State' fields are visible below the search results.

2. Complete the Form

Fill out the remainder of the form. For the “*Name(s) of Filer(s)*” field, **type** your full name and **press** the **<ENTER>** key on your keyboard to tag it. You can add multiple filer names; just press **<ENTER>** after each person’s name to tag each one separately. If your address is not in the United States, check the “*international*” checkbox and type in your address in the correct postal format. If you would like an email confirmation sent to the Primary Contact Email you’ve provided, check the appropriate box at the bottom of the form. Then press **Continue to Review Screen**.


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Filings & Proceedings
SEARCH

Submit a
FILING

Check filing
STATUS

User
HELP

Standard Filing

Express Comment

Non-Docketed Filing

Express Comment /

ECFS Express

1
COMMENT

2
REVIEW

3
CONFIRMATION

Proceeding(s)

14-28 ✕

Name(s) of Filer(s)

John Doe ✕

Jane Doe ✕

Primary Contact
Email

john.doe@somewhere.com

Address

☐ International

1 Main St

Address 2

City

Anytown

State

NEW YORK

ZIP

10006

Brief Comments

I am commenting on the Open Internet proceedings...

Note: You are filing a document into an official FCC proceeding. All information submitted, including names and addresses, will be publicly available via the web.

☒ Email Confirmation

Continue to review screen ➞

Certain fields are required. If they are not filled out, the system will not allow you to continue. Required fields that are not completed will be highlighted for you, as shown in the example below.

ECFS Express

1 COMMENT

2 REVIEW


3 CONFIRMATION

Filer is required.
Address is required.
City is required.
State is required.
Zip is required.
Comment is required.

Proceeding(s)	14-28 ✕
Name(s) of Filer(s)	*Required - Add Filer(s). Press TAB key after each entry
Primary Contact Email	example@email.com
Address <input type="checkbox"/> International	* Required

3. Review your Filing:

On the review screen, please carefully review your contact details and comments. Be aware that this information will become publicly searchable and available on the internet once it has been checked and posted by the FCC. If you have any corrections to make, click on step (1) at the top of the screen, or press the **BACK** button on your browser to return to the form. When you are satisfied with your submission, click **“Submit”**.



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SEARCH

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STATUS

User
HELP

Review /

ECFS Express

1

COMMENT

2

REVIEW

3

CONFIRMATION

YOUR FILING HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED!

Please review the details below. Return to Step 1 above, or press the BACK button on your browser to make any changes. Then press the SUBMIT button at the bottom of this page to complete your submission.

Note: You are filing a document into an official FCC proceeding. All information submitted, including names and addresses, will be publicly available via the web.

Proceeding(s)	14-28
Name(s) of Filer(s)	John Doe Jane Doe
Primary Contact Email	john.doe@somewhere.com
Address	1 Main St , Anytown, NY, 10006
Brief Comments:	I am commenting on the Open Internet proceedings...
Email Confirmation	Yes

Note: You are filing a document into an official FCC proceeding. All information submitted, including names and addresses, will be publicly available via the web.

Submit

4. Receive Confirmation of your Filing:


After submitting, you will receive a confirmation page listing the details of your filing. If you have requested an email confirmation, that will appear shortly in your email inbox (make sure your spam filter allows messages sent from no-reply@fcc.gov). Please take note of the **Confirmation Number** given; you will need this to check on the status of your filing.

Also note the **Submission** timestamp of your filing, and the **Filing Status**.

The Submission timestamp reflects the current server time (the FCC operates in the Eastern Time Zone):

- If you have submitted your filing DURING business hours, your Filing Status will be **RECEIVED**, and your filing will be considered to have been officially accepted by the FCC at the time of submission.

- If you have submitted your filing AFTER business hours, or on a holiday or weekend, your submission will have Filing Status of **SUBMITTED**. It will be automatically **RECEIVED** at the start of the next official business day.


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Filings & Proceedings
SEARCH

Submit a
FILING

Check filing
STATUS

User
HELP

Confirmation /

ECFS Express

1
COMMENT

2
REVIEW

3
CONFIRMATION

Proceeding:	14-28
Confirmation #:	20160120900109103
Submitted:	Jan 20, 2016 3:40:49 PM
Status:	RECEIVED

Primary Contact Email	john.doe@somewhere.com
Address	1 Main St , Anytown, NY, 10006
Brief Comments:	I am commenting on the Open Internet proceedings...
Email Confirmation	Yes

Type 2: STANDARD Filing

1. ECFS Standard Form

For a Standard Filing, select the respective submenu option under “Submit a Filing”, and fill in the fields (required fields are marked “* Required” in the placeholder text).

- Select one or more proceedings, as described above for an Express Comment, pressing the <ENTER> key to tag each one.
- The “Name(s) of Filer(s)”, “Law Firm(s)”, and “Attorney/Author Name(s)” fields can also capture multiple entity names; just press <ENTER> after each entry to tag each one separately.
- Choose a Filing Type. The three most common types of filings have been placed at the top of the list for your convenience. If you are making an *ex parte* filing, please see step 2 below.

- If your address is not in the United States, check the “international” checkbox and type in your address in the correct postal format.
- If you would like an email confirmation sent to the Primary Contact Email you’ve provided, check the appropriate box at the bottom of the form.

The screenshot shows the 'Submit a Filing' form on the FCC website. The form is divided into three steps: 1. SUBMIT, 2. REVIEW, and 3. CONFIRMATION. The 'SUBMIT' step is currently active. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Proceeding(s)**: A text input field with a placeholder 'Type to search for proceedings * Required'.
- Name(s) of Filer(s)**: A text input field with a placeholder 'Add Filer(s)'.
- Law Firm(s)**: A text input field with a placeholder 'Add Lawfirm(s)'.
- Attorney/Author Name(s)**: A text input field with a placeholder 'Add Author(s)'.
- Primary Contact Email**: A text input field with a placeholder 'example@email.com'.
- Type of Filing**: A dropdown menu.
- File Number**: A text input field.
- Report Number**: A text input field.
- Bureau ID Number**: A text input field.
- Address of**: A dropdown menu with a placeholder '* Required'.
- Address**: A dropdown menu with a placeholder '* Required'.
- International**: A checkbox.
- Address 2**: A text input field.
- City**: A text input field with a placeholder '* Required'.
- State**: A dropdown menu with a placeholder '* Required'.
- ZIP**: A text input field with a placeholder '* Required'.
- Upload Documents**: A section with a dashed border and a placeholder 'Click or drop files here: PDF, text, pptx, docx, xlsx, doc, xls, rtf, ppt, ppox, dvg (max size: 48 MB)'.
- Note**: A yellow box containing the text 'Note: You are filing a document into an official FCC proceeding. All information submitted, including names and addresses, will be publicly available via the web.'
- Email Confirmation**: A checkbox.
- Continue to review screen**: A blue button with a right arrow.

2. Ex Parte Filings

If you are making an *ex parte* filing, select **Notice of Ex Parte** from the *Type of Filing* dropdown. A new field will appear below it, titled *Presented To*. This field works like some of the fields at the top of the page, in that multiple items can be tagged into the field. However, only the FCC Bureaus and Offices given in the dropdown list are allowed. Click in the field, or press Enter, to bring up the list.

The screenshot shows a form with two fields. The first field, labeled 'Type of Filing', is a dropdown menu with 'NOTICE OF EX PARTE' selected. The second field, labeled 'Presented To', is a text box containing 'Media Bureau (MB)' with a small 'x' icon to its right.


3. *Attach Documents*

You must attach at least one supporting document, by clicking the box or dropping files into the box. Please note that only certain file formats are accepted: PDF, text, pptx, xlsx, doc, xls, ppt, dwg. The maximum file size for each attachment is **48MB**. You may attach as many documents as necessary.

The screenshot shows a section titled 'Upload Documents'. To the right of the title is a large dashed rectangular box. Inside this box, the text reads: 'Click or drop files here: PDF, text, pptx, docx, xlsx, doc, xls, rtf, ppt, pptx, dwg (max size: 48 MB)'.

4. *Review Your Filing*

Press the “**Continue to Review Screen**” button. Carefully review the information on this page, and the document(s) that you will be submitting. Both the data fields and the documents will become publicly searchable and downloadable on the internet once the filing has been checked and posted by the FCC. If you need to make corrections, click on step (1) in the breadcrumb listing, or use the BACK button on your browser to return to the entry page. Click “**Submit**” to complete the submission.


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[Filings & Proceedings SEARCH](#)
[Submit a FILING](#)
[Check filing STATUS](#)
[User HELP](#)
[Staff LOGIN](#)

Review /

Submit a Filing

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3

SUBMITREVIEWCONFIRMATION

YOUR FILING HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED!

Please review the details below. Return to Step 1 above, or press the BACK button on your browser to make any changes. Then press the SUBMIT button at the bottom of this page to complete your submission.

Note: You are filing a document into an official FCC proceeding. All information submitted, including names and addresses, will be publicly available via the web.

Proceeding(s)	06-10
Name(s) of Filer(s)	Riley Trees
Law Firm(s)	Yardley Associates
Attorney/Author Name(s)	Mary Reeder
Primary Contact Email	rtrees268@email.com
Type of Filing	INQUIRY
File Number	
Report Number	
Bureau ID Number	
Address of	Filer
Address	377 Garden Ln., Bethesda, ME, 20819
Upload	Documents
	<div> <div>Txt: 1 2 3.docx</div> </div>
Email Confirmation	No

Note: You are filing a document into an official FCC proceeding. All information submitted, including names and addresses, will be publicly available via the web.

Submit

5. Receive Confirmation of Your Filing

Once you have submitted, a confirmation page will appear, containing all the details of your filing. It will also include a Confirmation Number; take note of this number, as it can be used to track the status of your filing. If you opted to receive an email confirmation, you will receive the confirmation number in an email as well.

Type 3: NON-DOCKETED Filing

1. *Non-Docketed Filing Form*

The Non-Docketed Filing form is available only for special filing types categorized under “FCC Inbox”. In order to make a filing into a non-docketed Inbox, select the appropriate FCC Inbox, and then fill in the remaining fields as appropriate.

Like a Standard Filing, a Non-Docketed filing must be supported by an attached document. Add at least one document before continuing.

Please read carefully the notification at the top of the page, and note that some non-docketed filings require the payment of a fee; this will require you to visit the FeeFiler application at <https://apps.fcc.gov/FeeFiler> .

Non-Docketed Filing

1
SUBMIT

2
REVIEW

3
CONFIRMATION

This form is to be used *only* for submitting the specific types of documents listed in the drop-down menu following "FCC Inbox." Do not use this form to submit comments in a proceeding for which a docket number (e.g., 14-1) or rulemaking number (e.g., RM-10001) has been assigned, comments on existing licensing proceedings, motions in existing formal-complaint proceedings, or anything for which another existing electronic-filing system is available.

Consumers should not use this form to submit informal complaints about service providers. To file an informal complaint, go to <https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov>. Please note that filing an informal complaint does not require a fee.

If your filing requires payment of a fee, you may use the Commission's Fee Filer system at <https://apps.fcc.gov/FeeFiler>.

NOTE: DO NOT SUBMIT CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS USING ECFS. CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON PAPER TO THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED THROUGH ECFS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

FCC Inbox	<div> <div>* Required</div> <div> Section 325(c) Application for Permit to Deliver Programs to Foreign Stations (Fee Required) Open Internet Formal Complaints: Restricted Proceeding (Fee Required) Petition for Waiver of Parts 32, 43, 64, 65, 69 (fee required) Section 214 Domestic Discontinuance Application Section 208 Complaint: Restricted Proceedings (Fee Required) International High Frequency Application (Fee Required) Section 251 Network Change Notification Petition for Waiver (miscellaneous) Petition for Declaratory Ruling Section 1.401 Petition For Rulemaking Petition for Waiver of Part 15 Request for Open Internet Advisory Opinion Section 214 Domestic Transfer of Control Application (Fee Required) Section 224 Pole Attachment Complaint: Restricted Proceedings (Fee Required) </div> </div>
Name(s) of Filer(s)	
Law Firm(s)	
Attorney/Author Name(s)	
Primary Contact Email	example@email.com
Type of Filing	
Address of	* Required
Address	* Required

Checking the Status of a Filing

To check the status of your filing (whether Standard, Express, or Non-Docketed), select the “**Check Filing Status**” main menu item. Enter the confirmation number that you received on the submission confirmation page, or from the confirmation email, and press “**Lookup**”.

Filing Status Lookup

Confirmation Number

20160120900109103

Confirmation numbers are generated and displayed after a successful Filing submission. Please provide the confirmation number for the Filing in question above and click/tap Lookup.

Lookup

The Status of your submission appears.

Filing with confirmation #20160120900109103

For Proceeding on Jan 20, 2016

Name of Filer	John Doe
Type of Filing	COMMENT
Date Received	Jan 20, 2016 3:40:49 PM
Status	RECEIVED

Searching for Filings

Basic Search

1. Home Page

The landing page for ECFS also serves as the default search page. The application defaults to a search for Filings, but a search for Proceedings is also available in the submenu.

At the top of the page is the full-text search bar, which can perform a comprehensive search of all the data and documents in ECFS. In addition, users have the option to narrow the search based on specific metadata fields. The full-text search can be combined with the metadata searches. To search, type in some text, then press **ENTER**, or click the blue **Search** button.

For a more detailed breakdown of text search capabilities, see [Appendix A](#) of this document.

Welcome to the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. ECFS serves as the repository for official records in the FCC's docketed proceedings from 1992 to the present. The public can use ECFS to retrieve any document in the system, including selected pre-1992 documents.

Search All Public Filings

Search Full Text

Specify Proceeding
(Optional)

Type to search Proceedings. Press ENTER key after each selection

Name of Filer

Law Firm

Attorney / Author

Date Received
Range

From

MM/DD/YYYY



To

MM/DD/YYYY



Posted Date Range

From

MM/DD/YYYY



To

MM/DD/YYYY



Comment Date

From

MM/DD/YYYY



To

MM/DD/YYYY



Reply Comment
Date

From

MM/DD/YYYY



To

MM/DD/YYYY



Filer's / Author's
City

State

Zip

Express Comment

DA/FCC Number

File Number

Bureau ID Number

Report Number

Filing Type

Ex Parte

Clear

Search

2. Filtering by Proceeding(s)

The *Proceeding(s)* field allows filtering of your search by one or more proceedings. To help you find the correct proceeding, the field performs a look-ahead query as you type:

- By Proceeding/Docket Number – Start typing the docket number, and you will see that the dropdown list changes as you type. Click the proceeding, or highlight it and press <ENTER> to tag it.

Search All Public Filings

Search Full Text

Specify Proceeding (Optional)

15-17

Search for

15-17*

Filter by Proceeding

15-17 | Eastern New Mexico University

15-170 | Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, 15, and 18 of the Commission's Rules et al.

15-171 | In the Matter of Sierra Telephone Company, Inc. and Sierra Telephone Long Distance Harry H. Baker, Jr. John H. Baker

Attorney / Author

- By Proceeding/Docket (Wildcard) – As you type a docket number, you may notice, at the top of the dropdown list, an option with a “*” (highlighted below). This creates a wildcard filter, widening the search in the example below to any proceeding beginning with “15-1”, including “15-1”, “15-10”, “15-11”, “15-123”, etc.

Search All Public Filings

Search Full Text

Specify Proceeding (Optional)

15-1

Search for

15-1*

Filter by Proceeding

15-1 | WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON WINDSTREAM'S PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING SEEKING TO CONF

15-10 | Comments Invited On Application Of CenturyLink Communications, LLC To Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services

15-100 | In the Matter of Telescape Communications, Inc. and Blue Casa Telephone, LLC

15-101 | Comments Invited On Application Of CenturyLink Communications, LLC To Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services

15-102 | Birch Communications Inc-Orbitcom Inc.

15-103 | Comments Invited On Application Of Talarana Communications, Inc. To Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services

Attorney / Author

- By Proceeding Name – If you don't know the Proceeding Number, you can also type the Name of the proceeding. Highlight the correct Proceeding and press <ENTER> to tag it.

Searching for Proceedings

Select the *Proceedings* link in the submenu to search for Proceedings. The process is similar to the search for filings, but note that there are different search options for Filings search and Proceedings search:

[Search for Filings](#) [Search for Proceedings](#) [Browse Popular Proceedings](#)

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Search FCC Public Proceedings

Search All Proceeding Fields

Open/Closed

Specify Proceeding (Optional)

Type to search Proceedings. Press ENTER key after each selection

Description

Bureau

Auctions
Cable Services Bureau
Common Carrier Bureau

Applicant

Date Created Range

From

MM/DD/YYYY

To

MM/DD/YYYY

Date Closed Range

From

MM/DD/YYYY

To

MM/DD/YYYY

Activity

☐ Has Filings in Last 30 Days

Clear

Search

The results list will display all the Proceedings that match your query. Click on the Proceeding/Docket number to view a listing of all the filings in that docket, or click on the *+New Filing* or *+Express* links at the right to create a new filing in that docket (closed dockets will not have these links). The docket number will be pre-filled for you in the form.

Searched for: Fulltext: **open internet**

[Modify Search](#)

Filters

Date Ranges

Top Bureau Names

Common Carrier Bureau

Wireline Competition Bureau

General (Multiple Bureaus)

Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

Enforcement Bureau

Media Bureau

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Cable Services Bureau

Office of Engineering and Technology

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Proceedings

35 results (45.887ms) [RSS](#)

			Date Posted: Descending
16-143	Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment et al.	+ New Filing / + Express	
Aleta.Bowers	Apr 26, 2016	Wireline Competition Bureau	
INBOX-8.18	Request for Open Internet Advisory Opinion		
	Jun 12, 2015	Enforcement Bureau	
INBOX-8.13	Open Internet Formal Complaints: Restricted Proceeding (Fee Required)		
	Jun 12, 2015	Enforcement Bureau	
14-28	Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet	+ New Filing / + Express	
Myrva.Charles	Feb 19, 2014	General (Multiple Bureaus)	
13-318	Closed Captioning Exemption Petitions for Video Programming Delivered Using Internet Protocol (IP)	+ New Filing / + Express	
Melissa.Askew	Dec 26, 2013	Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau	
13-223	Joint Application of Internet Solver, Inc. and Alliance Connect, LLC	+ New Filing / + Express	
Tracey.Wilson	Sep 6, 2013	Wireline Competition Bureau	
13-24	Misuse of Internet Protocol (P) Captioned Telephone Service	+ New Filing / + Express	
Rosa.Bell	Jan 25, 2013	Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau	
12-342	Comments Invited On Application Of Local Internet Service Company, Inc. To Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services		
Bordaux McDonald	Nov 27, 2012 Jan 30, 2015	Wireline Competition Bureau	

Browse Popular Proceedings (“Hot Dockets”)

The most popular proceedings from the last 30 days are listed for easy access. Click the links to retrieve a list of filings related to the associated proceeding. If you’d like to create a new filing into any of those dockets, click on the *New Filing* or *Express Reply* links to the right of the proceeding name.

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Browse Popular Proceedings			
Proceeding	Subject	Comment/Reply	Last 30 days
15-149	Commission Opens Docket for Proposed Transfer of Control of Time Warner Cable, Inc. and Charter Communications Inc. and Proposed Transfer of Control of Bright House Networks from Advance/Newhouse Partnership to Charter Communications Inc. - <i>Jun 23, 2015</i>	Add New Filing or Express Reply	169331
16-42	Expanding Consumers' Video Navigation Choices - <i>Feb 17, 2016</i>	Add New Filing or Express Reply	105357
14-28	Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet - <i>Feb 19, 2014</i>	Add New Filing or Express Reply	62763
16-41	Promoting the Availability of Diverse and Independent Sources of Video - <i>Feb 17, 2016</i>	Add New Filing or Express Reply	36137
14-57	Applications of Comcast Corporation and Time Warner Cable Inc. for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Applications - <i>Apr 4, 2014</i>	<i>Closed for comment</i>	26598
05-25	In the Matter of Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers AT&T Corp. Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services.. - <i>Jan 21, 2005</i>	Add New Filing or Express Reply	12118
12-268	Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum	Add New Filing or Express Reply	9615

Working with Results

1. Results

The results of your search will appear in a list in the center of the screen. Each record lists the Filer's Name, the associated Docket number(s), received and posted dates, matched text (for full-text searches), links to directly download associated documents (if applicable), and colored badges that help you to identify the type of filing. Note that only the first four document attachments for any given filing will appear on this page. If the filing has more than 4 attachments, an indicator will appear, and you'll need to navigate to the filing detail page (below) to see the full list of attachments.

Click on a link to open the Filing Detail screen.

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Searched for: Fulltext: **service interruption**
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Filters

Date Ranges

Top Proceedings

10-90
11-42
14-58
02-278
03-123
96-45
00-257
14-28
09-51
04-233

Express Comment
Standard Filings Only
Express Filings Only

Top Bureaus

Wireline Competition Bureau
Common Carrier Bureau
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Media Bureau
General (Multiple Bureaus)
Office of Engineering and Technology
Mass Media Bureau
International Bureau

Filings

12,955 results (851.812ms) [RSS](#)

25 50 100
Date Posted: Descending

National Association of Broadcasters (NAB)
Document
... CenturyLink itself mandates bundled **services** for its...
Received: 4/28/16 Posted: 4/28/16
ex parte NOTICE

National Association of Broadcasters (NAB)
Document
... CenturyLink itself mandates bundled **services** for its...
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The Content Companies
Document
... satellite providers but also cutting-edge **services**...
Received: 4/22/16 Posted: 4/26/16
COMMENT

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... Review of a Decision of the Universal **Service**...
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APPLICATION

Competition Policy Division
Document
... 18, 2016 to continue to provide **service** to its...
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OTHER

CenturyLink
Document
... Verification and Busy Line **Interrupt Services** ~...
Received: 4/20/16 Posted: 4/20/16
LETTER

High Rocks Educational Corporation

The Filing Detail screen displays metadata about the filing, including who filed it, and when. Additionally, the left column holds a list of all document attachments associated with the filing (for Express comments, there are no document links, but the text of the comment displays at the bottom of the metadata).

Click on any of the file attachments to preview it.

Filing Detail

Filing Detail	ID	60001075495	Proceeding	10-90
 60001093183.pdf	Name of Filer	TDS Telecommunications Corp.	Author Name	Bruce Schiefelbein
 60001093184.pdf	Type of Filing	SUBMISSION OF REPORT	Email	bruce.schiefelbein@tdstelecom.com
 60001093185.pdf	Exparte/Late Filed	N	Filing Status	DISSEMINATED
	Date Received	Jun 23, 2015	Viewing Status	Unrestricted
	Address	525 Junction Rd	Date Posted	Jun 23, 2015
	State	WI	City	Madison
			ZIP	53717

Documents can be previewed directly in the browser, or can be downloaded to your local computer. Convenience buttons within the viewer component also allow you to jump directly to a page, zoom in or out of the document, or expand to a full-page view. For impaired users, the built-in AudioEye Ally toolbar, shown as a blue icon at the bottom right, can read the document to you.

The icon appearing next to each document link (shown below, a 'page' icon with the AudioEye toolbar icon inside) generates a screenreader-friendly version of that document. Note that this may take a minute to open as the converter processes the document.



More information on how to use it can be found in the Assistive Technologies section below.

Filing Detail

Filing Detail

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Document Info:

Description

Cover Letter

Proceeding

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6/23/15

Filed on behalf of

TDS Telecommunications Corp.

Date Submitted

6/23/15

Byte Size

115371

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REPORT

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June 26, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

Office of the Secretary

9300 East Hampton Drive

Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re:

Annual Reporting as Required by
47 C.F.R. Sections 54.313 and 54.422
WC Docket No. 14-58

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of its affiliates listed on Attachment 1, TDS Telecommunications Corporation hereby submits a redacted, public version of the Annual Report required by 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.313 and 54.422. The enclosed Reports have been marked "REDACTED – AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

TDS Telecommunications Corporation is also submitting, under separate cover, a confidential version of these Reports. The confidential version is marked "CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

An original and one copy of the Reports are enclosed.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions concerning the above-referenced enclosures or if you require any additional information.

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2. Results Filters

On the left-hand column of the results screen are a number of results filters. These allow you to further narrow down the results from your search. A number of options are available, including filing type, filer name, and whether or not they are Standard or Express filings.

If the results are limited to a single proceeding, the proceeding summary box (sometimes called the “face card”) will appear at the top of the filter list. A link in the summary allows users to open a new window directly to the EDOCS listing for that docket.

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Docket 10-90
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[Commission Documents](#)

In the Matter of Connect America Fund A National Broadband Plan for Our Future High-Cost Universal Service Support. .

Bureau Name

[Wireline Competition Bureau](#)

Date Created

4/21/10

Total Filings

9,035

Filings in last 30 days

7

[+ New Filing / + Express](#)

Date Ranges

Express Comment

Standard Filings Only

33

Express Filings Only

2

Filing Type

COMMENT

16

3. Modify Search

At the top of the results list, your search criteria are displayed. If you'd like to make slight modifications to your search, you can click on the *Modify Search* link at the right, or press the **BACK** button on your browser. Clicking the *Filings* link from the submenu will also return you to the search page, but will clear out your search criteria in preparation for a new search.

Searched for: Fulltext: **disconnect service**

[Modify Search](#)

4. View Options

A number of options are available to tailor the results view, all available in the space directly above the results list.



- You can view 25, 50 or 100 filings on a page by selecting the appropriate option, as shown in the screenshot above.
- The differently-sized “A”s will change the font size. Click on the middle one to reset the font size to the default.
- You can subscribe to an RSS feed of the current search, by clicking on the RSS link. See [Appendix B](#) for more details on setting up an RSS feed.

5. Condensed Listing

Additionally, there is a menu option called “Condensed Listing” that shows results in an extended list view. It is the icon next to “Normal Listing”.

[Search for Filings](#) [Search for Proceedings](#) [Browse Popular Proceedings](#)

Searched for: Fulltext: **discontinue service** [Modify Search](#)

Filings

16,954 results (450.764ms) [RSS](#)

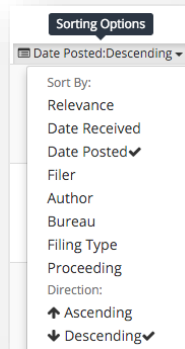
25 100 250 A A A Date Posted:Descending ▼

Displaying results in Condensed Listing mode, [click here to return to Normal Listing](#) or use the button on the toolbar above. [Dismiss this dialog.](#)

Filers	Documents	Authors	Law Firms	Proceedings Bureaus	Date Received	Date Posted	Status	Filing Type	Express	Ex parte
Madison Telephone, LLC		Shana Rains		CC 02-33 CC	4/29/16	4/29/16	Disseminated	STATEMENT		
Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corp.		John Kuykendall	JSI	CC 02-33 CC	4/29/16	4/29/16	Disseminated	OTHER		
United States Telecom Association		B. Lynn Follansbee		WC 09-133 WC	4/28/16	4/28/16	Disseminated	NOTICE		ex parte
WILSON TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.				CC 02-33 CC	4/28/16	4/28/16	Disseminated	OTHER		
REC NETWORKS		MICHELLE BRADLEY		CG RM-11749 CG	4/27/16	4/27/16	Disseminated	LETTER		
REC NETWORKS		MICHELLE BRADLEY		MB 13-249 MB	4/27/16	4/27/16	Disseminated	LETTER		
Shell Rock Communications		Richard I		INRDY-	4/27/16	4/27/16	Disseminated	LETTER		

6. Sorting

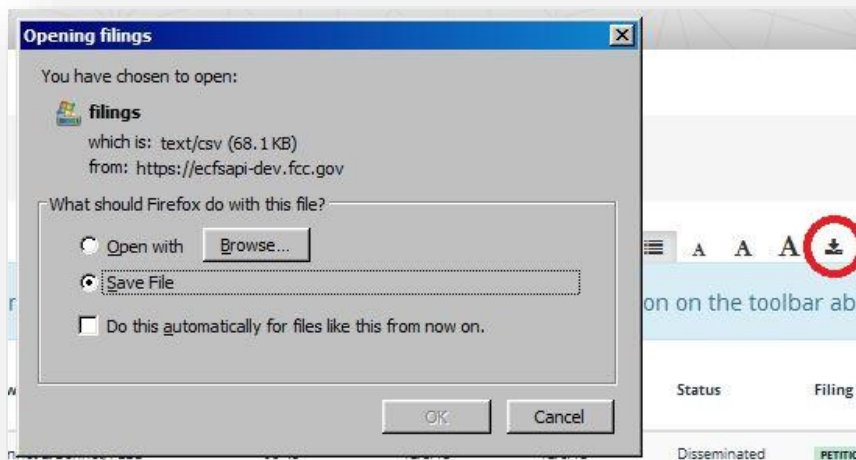
A number of sorting options are available at the right edge of the View Options bar, as shown below.



The default sort for all results is by the Posting (Dissemination) Date, in reverse chronological order.

7. CSV File Downloading

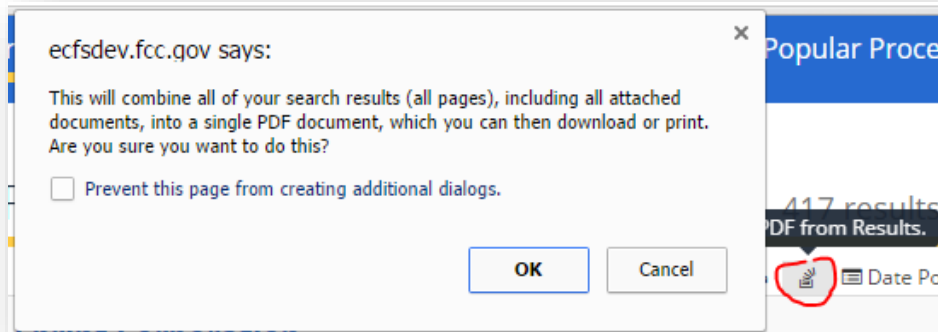
To download a CSV file with the results of your search, click the button (highlighted by the red circle). This will prompt you to save the file. Note that you must narrow your search results list to under 10,000 results before this function becomes available.



8. Create PDF

Some users need to print the entire contents of a number of results. Once you've narrowed your results list to less than 100 items, you can use the Create PDF button to compile a full listing of the results

(including all attached documents) and download them. You will then be able to print that to your local printer.



9. Assistive Technologies

In addition to standard ADA-compliant accessibility design features, ECFS has embedded an assistive technology toolset that provides a wealth of utilities to help users more easily access the features and functions of the application.

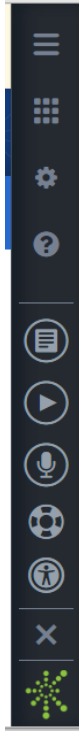


The AudioEye Ally Player is capable of parsing a large number of document types, and reading them line-by-line to the user, with many convenience features such as forward and backwards skipping, and speed control. For users that already have a screen reader such as JAWS, the AudioEye Ally Reader can create accessible versions of any document that can then be read by the screen reader.

Ally Reader also has features that allow users to customize the look-and-feel of the site with a single keypress, such as:

- Changing the Color Contrast of all items on the screen
- Removing distractive elements from the user interface
- Changing the fonts of the entire application; for example, to a dyslexic font
- Enlarging or contracting font sizes dramatically

To get started, click on the assistive technologies icon (the blue circle with a person in the middle, shown above) near the bottom right of the page. The AudioEye Ally Toolbar (shown below) will open at the right edge of your browser, and you will be prompted to run through a short tutorial.



Appendix A – Advanced Search

Part 1: Advanced Text Search – Boolean search

ECFS 3.0 supports full-text searching of all comments, filings, and proceedings. But to make your searches more productive, some advanced queries are available.

NB: Remember that search results are returned with default sort order of **Descending Posted Date**. For full-text searches, changing this to **Relevance** may bring better results to the top of the list.

AND

By default, if you provide two or more search terms, ECFS will return filings that contain ALL of those terms. You can also explicitly request that by using the search qualifier **AND** in between the terms. *e.g.*, a search on `media AND radio` will return any filing that contains both the words “media” and “radio”, but not if the filing only contains one of those terms.

OR

To find results where one or more of the search terms appear, use the search qualifier **OR** in between the terms. *e.g.*, a search on `media OR radio` will return any filing that contains the word “media” and any filing that contains the word “radio”.

NOT

This qualifier in front of a search term will filter out any results that contain that term. *e.g.*, a search on `media NOT radio` will find all filings with the word “media”, but filter out any results that also contain the word “radio”.

***NB:** The search qualifiers above MUST be entered in **UPPER CASE** to be considered as search qualifiers. In all other aspects, search is case-insensitive.

“ ”

In general, prepositions and articles of speech (*e.g.*, “the”, “an”, “with”, “of”, *etc.*) are de-emphasized when you perform text searches of a phrase. However, by placing quotes around a text phrase, the search engine will return instances of that specific phrase. For example, if you search on `the first day of` (without quotes), the search engine will look for instances of that phrase, but also broaden the results set to include instances of “on”, “the”, “first” and “day” anywhere in the filing’s text. But if you search `“on the first day”` (with quotes), then the search will return only specific instances of that phrase (with a caveat, see below); the results set will be much smaller.

Language provisions

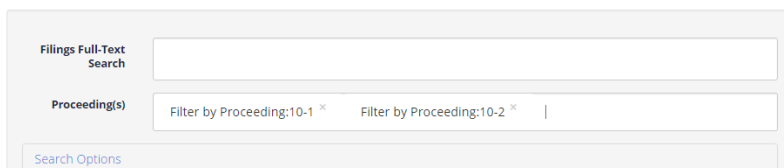
The rules for quoted searches above are quite strict; what if there’s a slight spelling error? What if the exact quoted phrase is not found, but something very close is available? What about different tenses of a word, like “days” vs “day”? In most cases, we want to include some small amount of flexibility in the search, and the ECFS search analyzer has been configured to do this. When results are sorted by

relevance, the results with the exact phrase, as quoted, are returned first. However, after that list, near-results that differ from the request by only one or two of the following factors will also be included:

- *Word Order* – “day first” provides a near-match for “first day”
- *Distance* – “first whole day” is one degree away from “first day”, and is therefore a near match.
- *Word Forms or Spelling* – minor spelling errors, or word form differences (plural forms, *etc.*)
- *Punctuation* – “first-day” near match to “first day”
- *Stopwords* – articles and other similar parts of speech (*e.g.*, “a”, “an”, “the”) are analyzed with below-normal weighting.
- *Weighting* – certain fields, such as Docket and Filer names, are weighted higher than others, affecting relevance scores for similar results. Also, multiple recurrences of the search terms increase the relevance score of any given result.

Part 2: Advanced Proceeding Search

By default, the Proceedings filter in the search form performs a Boolean **OR** search. *e.g.*, if asked to filter on two Proceedings (“10-1 10-2”, as shown in the figure below), the search engine will return results that have been filed into EITHER docket 10-1 **OR** docket 10-2.



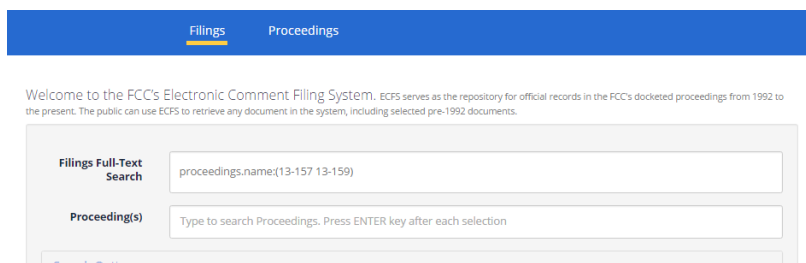
The screenshot shows a search interface with two main input fields. The first field, labeled 'Filings Full-Text Search', is empty. The second field, labeled 'Proceeding(s)', contains the text 'Filter by Proceeding:10-1' followed by a small 'x' icon and 'Filter by Proceeding:10-2' followed by another 'x' icon, separated by a vertical bar. Below these fields is a button labeled 'Search Options'.

In rare instances, it may be useful to be able to apply more complex Boolean logic to the Proceedings filter (usually when searching for filings that apply to multiple dockets). In such cases, it's possible to make specific field queries in the Full-Text search field.

To perform a filtered text search by field, use the following template in the Full-Text Search field:

```
<fieldname>:<search criteria>
```

Where *<search criteria>* is either a single search term, or a multiple search terms/Boolean statement in parentheses.



The screenshot shows the same search interface as before. The 'Filings Full-Text Search' field now contains the query 'proceedings.name:(13-157 13-159)'. The 'Proceeding(s)' field contains the placeholder text 'Type to search Proceedings. Press ENTER key after each selection'. The 'Search Options' button is still visible at the bottom.

Some examples:

To filter the search for filings that have been filed into ALL dockets 13-157, 13-158, and 13-159 (remember, AND is the default connector):

```
proceedings.name: (13-157 13-158 13-159)
```

Must be in dockets 13-157 and 13-158, but must NOT be in 14-28.

```
proceedings.name: (13-157 13-158 NOT 14-28)
```

In Dockets 13-157 AND 13-158, OR in dockets 15-170 AND 10-90.

```
proceedings.name: ((13-157 13-158) OR (15-170 10-90))
```

Appendix B – Setting up an RSS Feed

It is possible to monitor ECFS for new postings automatically, by utilizing the RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds available from within ECFS.

Many RSS Feed readers are available; some are standalone apps, some work from directly within your favorite browser. Below are instructions for creating a feed directly in Microsoft Outlook.

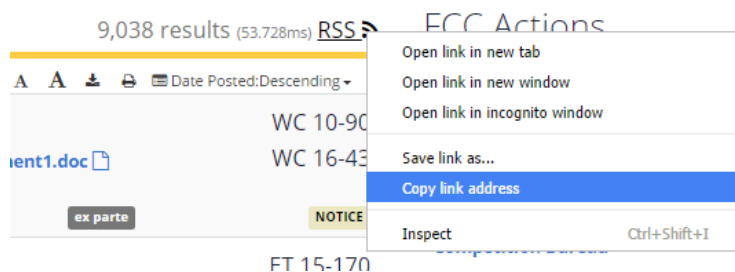
1. Search

The first step is to define the set of results you want to monitor. The two ways to do this are to:

- Perform a search for filings
- Select a docket number from the Most Popular Proceedings (Hot Dockets) on the home page (this is the easiest way to monitor for new filings in a particular docket).

2. Get the RSS Link

From the results listing page, right-click on the RSS icon at the right of the View Options. Select *Copy Link Address* (menu options will differ, depending on your browser).

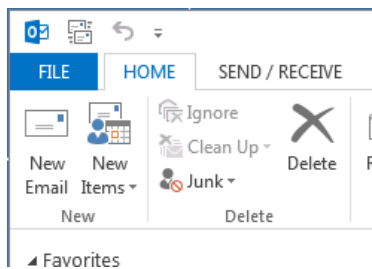


3. Add a Feed to your Reader

If you are using a dedicated feed reader, you can paste the link from Step 2 into the New Feed URL. If you are using Outlook, open Outlook and continue to the next step.

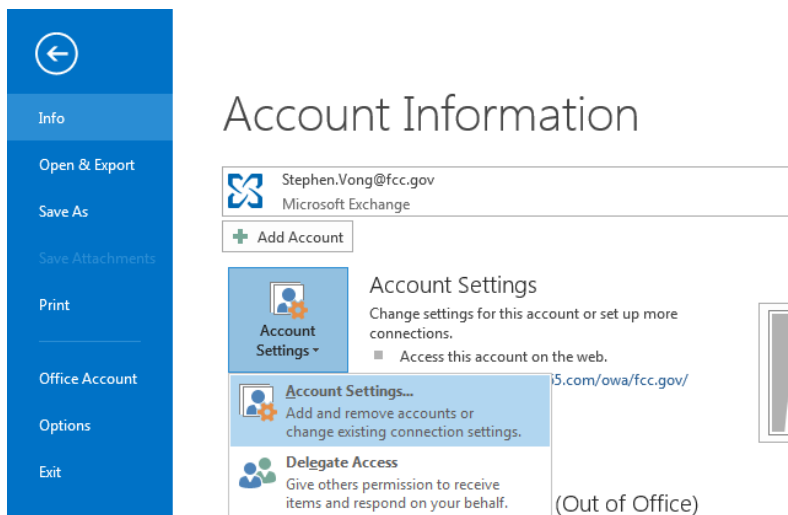
4. Select the File Menu from Outlook

Click on the **File** menu in the top left of your Outlook window.



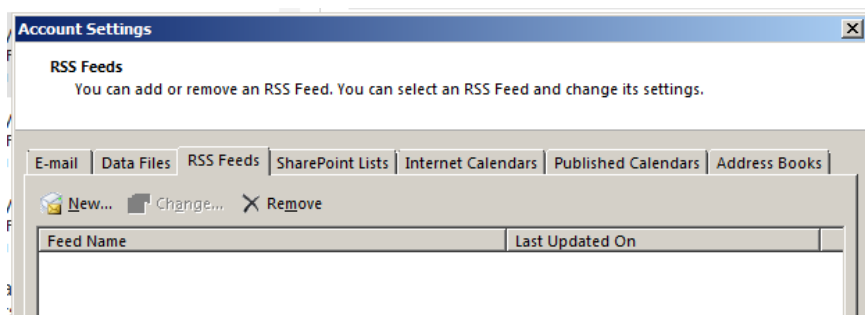
5. Go to Account Settings

Click the Account Settings button, and select the Account Settings option from the dropdown menu.



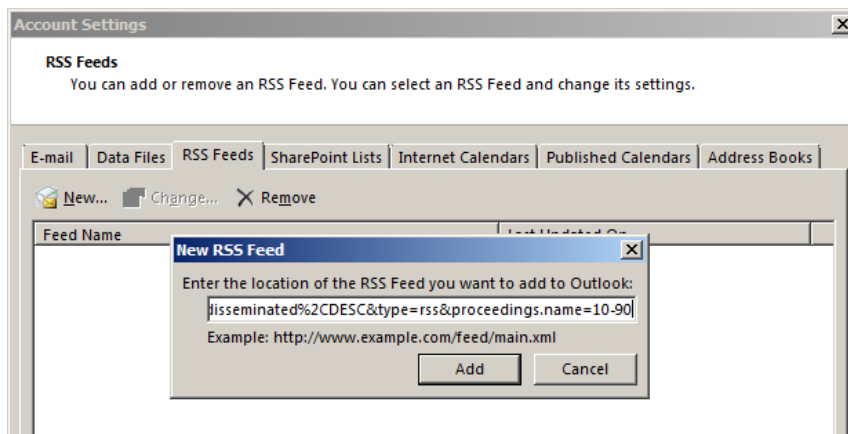
6. Create a New Feed

A popup window will appear. Select the **RSS Feeds** tab at the top, and click on the **New...** button.



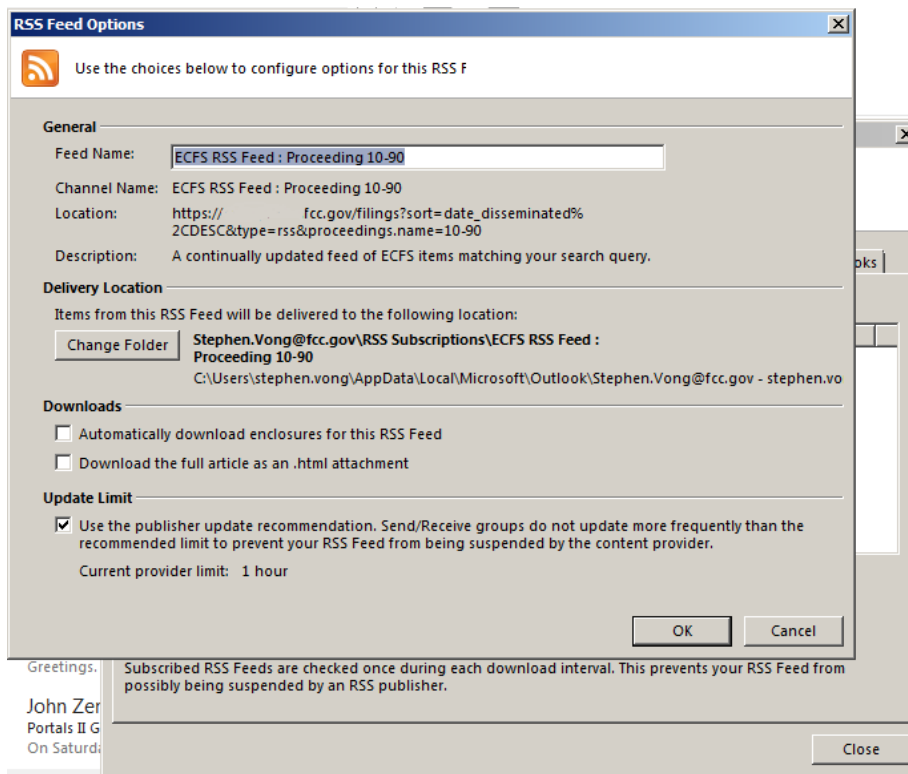
7. Paste in the Feed URL

When prompted, paste in the feed link that you saved by pressing <CTRL>-V on your keyboard. Click the **Add** button.



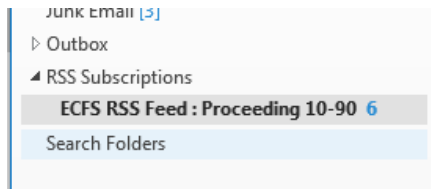
8. Name the Feed

Give the Feed a name that makes sense to you, and click **Ok**.



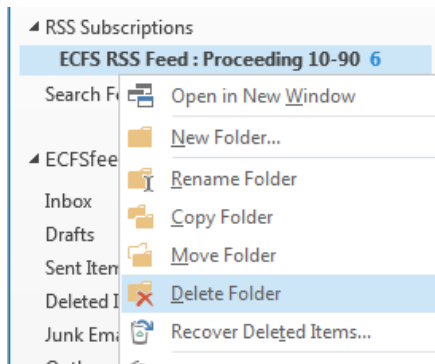
9. Read the Feed

Under the RSS Subscriptions section of your Outlook Left-side Nav Bar, you should now see your new feed. Outlook will periodically update you whenever there are new filings matching your search.



10. Remove the Feed

You can add as many RSS Feeds as you'd like. When you no longer want to follow a feed, you can remove it by right-clicking on the feed and selecting **Delete Folder** from the menu.



ECFS Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Proceeding?

For a discussion of the entire life cycle of a proceeding, please see CGB's fact sheet on ["How to Comment"](#).

A Proposed Rulemaking is initiated when someone (usually from outside the FCC) submits a Petition for Rulemaking recommending a change to a current rule. Consider the example of an individual applying for a call sign to start a radio station after doing some field research. The FCC may decide to gather more information, and releases a Proposed Rulemaking to the public for a specified comment period. This allows the FCC to gather more information from multiple sources to determine whether this Proposed Rulemaking merits more consideration. During the comment period, the public can submit comments through ECFS.

If the FCC determines that it does merit more consideration, a Rulemaking will be released on the same item with another round of commenting from the public. This would provide anyone else the opportunity to review this data, compare it to their own, and even consider joining the petition or beginning one of their own. Comment periods normally last 60 days, during which anyone can submit their comments through ECFS.

If, after the Rulemaking period, the FCC determines that it wants to pursue the Rulemaking further, the Rulemaking can be assigned a Docket number. A docket number is another way that the FCC and the public can track the item, and as a docket the item can be more formally researched. Assigning a docket number to a proceeding doesn't mean that it will lead to a rule change; however, it usually does mean the proceeding will merit further (and more serious) consideration.

Anything can be assigned a docket number at any time; however, dockets can often follow the standard workflow as follows:

