

## **AFTRCC Coordination Policy**

### **Broadcasters Part 5 and Part 87**

#### **1. Purpose**

This policy establishes standardized procedures for AFTRCC coordination of broadcast events under FCC Part 5 and Part 87 regulations. It ensures protection of Aeronautical Mobile Telemetry (AMT) systems, secondary users and efficient spectrum utilization.

#### **2. Scope**

AFTRCC may accommodate limited secondary uses of the spectrum, through agreements with the FCC and relevant DoD stakeholders. As a secondary use, broadcast operations will be considered only after primary users (AMT systems) and other secondary users have been fully accommodated.

This policy applies to all broadcast vendors seeking coordination through AFTRCC for spectrum use in the “L” and “S” bands - specifically 1435–1525 MHz and 2360-2395 MHz .

#### **3. Coordination Request Submission**

- All vendors must submit coordination requests via AFTRCC’s Spectrum-E portal.
- There is no allocation to broadcasters in these bands; therefore, spectrum access is not guaranteed, even if coordination is approved. Primary and secondary users retain priority. Use must cease immediately if interference occurs.
- To maximize channel availability for concurrent operations within a geographical area, requests requiring multiple frequencies should specify sequential frequencies in 1 MHz increments (to allow for nominal guard band), beginning at either top or bottom of the band.
- Broadcast operations will generally be limited to 10 MHz bandwidth. Requests for up to 20 MHz may be considered on case-by-case basis, subject to spectrum availability.
- For high congestion events (e.g., Super Bowl), a local area coordinator will assign frequency channels according to an event-specific band plan. Requests for full-band operations should be submitted to AFTRCC.

#### **4. Coordination Request Timelines**

- **Advance Submission Window:**
  - Standard event coordination requests may be submitted no more than **30 days prior** to the intended use date.
- **Minimum Submission Deadline:**
  - Normal processing time for coordinations is 7-10 business days. Expedited requests require a minimum of three business days to process **paid** coordinations; however, AFTRCC urges requestors to understand that three business days may not be sufficient time to receive positive coordination. No refunds will be issued if coordination is not successful.
  - Requests submitted and paid after 1:00 PM CST will be considered received the next business day.
  - Requests received and paid with fewer than three business days before the proposed start of operations will be rejected.
  - AFTRCC's holiday schedule can be found at [www.afttrcc.org](http://www.afttrcc.org).

## 5. Coordination Duration

- Broadcast coordination requests for terrestrial spectrum access are limited to short-duration operations.
- Standard coordination approvals will be granted for a period of **up to 30 days** for a single event.
  - To qualify as a single event, the activity must be of the same nature or sponsored by the same professional organization, with confirmed dates established at the time of submission of the request, and operations occurring within a 12.5 mile radius.
  - Multi-day single events must be comprised of continuous or contiguous days of operation within the thirty (30) day period.