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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

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FCC REMINDS CONSUMERS OF JUNE 12, 2010, TRANSITION FOR 700 MHZ WIRELESS MICROPHONES

Washington, DC – To avoid interference to public safety communications and next generation commercial services, users of wireless microphones operating in the 700 MHz Band must retune or replace their equipment by June 12, 2010. This action helps complete an important component of the DTV Transition by clearing the 700 MHz band and enabling the rollout of communications services for public safety and the deployment of next generation 4G wireless devices for consumers.

To ensure individuals and groups currently using unauthorized devices in the 700 MHz band had ample time to move to appropriate frequencies, the FCC provided a transition period until June 12, 2010, one year from the DTV Transition. During this period, the Commission has been engaging in an aggressive consumer outreach plan to educate consumers who previously purchased wireless microphone systems and other related devices that utilized the 700 MHz band.

As part of this outreach, the FCC now reminds individuals and groups using these devices in the 700 MHz band, either on a licensed or unlicensed basis, to cease operations by the June 12, 2010, deadline. The FCC also reminds users of certain low power auxiliary stations (such as wireless intercoms and cueing equipment used in the entertainment industry) to stop operations by June 12, 2010, on any of the frequencies in the 700 MHz. Because any operation in violation of these rules creates a danger of interference to important radio communications, users who operate wireless devices in violation of these rules may be subject to monetary forfeitures, seizure of the radio equipment, or criminal sanctions.

Users of wireless microphones and similar devices that operate outside the 700 MHz Band are not affected. These devices that operate on other broadcast frequencies can continue. Microphones and other similar devices with cords also are not affected, and may continue to operate as before.

To see if your wireless microphone is affected, check our [Manufacturers Equipment list](#).

For more information check our [Wireless Microphone Publications](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#). You can also visit the wireless microphone website at www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/.