

FCC OPENS COMMENT PERIOD FOR \$50 FEE PROPOSAL

NEIL/ANCHOR: We begin this week with word that the comment period has opened for the FCC's much-talked-about fee proposed for amateur radio licenses. Stephen Kinford N8WB has more.

STEPHEN: The comment period has opened for amateur radio operators and others in the United States to weigh in the FCC's proposal to charge a \$50 fee for license applications and renewals due every 10 years. In its notice published in the Federal Register, the FCC states that licenses, such as those for amateur radio, are mostly automated processes not requiring staff review. As such, the FCC is calling the proposed fee "nominal," saying it covers the costs of routine ULS maintenance, the automated process itself plus any occasional instance requiring staff input. Comments are due no later than the 16th of November. Reply comments can be made on or before November 30th.

To file your comments visit the webpage for the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System at [fcc dot gov stroke ecfs stroke \(fcc.gov/ecfs/\)](http://fcc.gov/ecfs/)

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