

adopted to provide equity and fairness among radio stations with varying signal strengths and market reach. However, in recent years, modifications to radio stations, a trend toward more powerful stations, and increases in the overall general population have resulted in an ever-increasing number of stations grouped in the one million-plus category of the grid. This trend necessitated the need to review the grid.

In its *Fiscal Year 2003 Regulatory Fee Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“NPRM”), adopted March 24, 2003 (68 FR 17577, April 10, 2003), the Commission proposed to revise the grid to include a population category of “greater than three million people” and to change the population threshold amounts to reflect slightly wider population fields.

5. The Commission received no comments concerning this matter. Therefore, beginning in Fiscal Year 2003 we will use the revised grid, as proposed in the NPRM, to assess regulatory fees for AM and FM commercial radio stations. The current and revised radio station grids follow:

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