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Effective October 8, 2025, all Bi-Directional Amplifiers (BDAs), whether classified as Class A or Class B, must have a physical internal or external FirstNet (Band 14) filter installed, regardless of any internal filtering software systems that may already be in place. Spec sheets will be required to show the physical filter.

This requirement applies to all new projects currently undergoing plan review, including 800MHz BDA's that will be switched to 700MHz, as the inclusion of the external filter is essential for project approval and sign off.

Furthermore, BDAs that are currently operating without this mandated filter, and whose retransmission authorization expires on or after January 1, 2026, must have a filter installed ahead of their next annual maintenance and inspection to receive a renewed retransmission authorization from Broward County.

It is crucial to ensure compliance with this directive to avoid any disruptions in operational status.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

ADDENDUM – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 28, 2026

Effective August 28, 2026, as an additional requirement to the directive above, any BDA that is not capable of a 6 MHz passband will require external FirstNet (Band 14) filters on both the input and output ports of the BDA system. This additional requirement is intended to reduce the possibility of rebroadcasting FirstNet Band 14.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Brownstein".

Sincerely,



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