

Cable companies rebroadcast the signals of local television stations on their systems. As both parties are responsible for broadcasting the required EAS messages as defined in the rules, a situation is created whereby the viewers of a local television station may receive duplicate messages. This happens when one of the parties automatically forwards the EAS Message received and the other party waits and forwards the message within the time allocated for that message.

In an effort to avoid this duplication, the rules in C.F.R. part 11.51 provide a solution.

An informal written agreement can be signed by representatives of both the television station and the cable system and kept on file at both control points.

With this agreement, the television station becomes solely responsible for all the required EAS messages they are required to run and those messages they volunteer to run that are aired on the cable system channel carrying that station.

The cable system can then disconnect their EAS equipment from that channel that carries that local television station.

The requirement that cable systems must air a required message on all down-streamed channels is still in place but that responsibility of the local television station channel is then solely the responsibility of the television station.

On the next page is a sample of an agreement document to assist those stations and systems that wish to enter into such an agreement.

**EAS Message Forward
Television Station Blanket Agreement**

Pursuant to the C.F.R. part 11.51(g)(4) and part 11.51(h)(4) of the F.C.C. rules and regulations that states thus:

Cable Systems and wireless cable systems may elect not to interrupt EAS messages from broadcast stations based upon a written agreement between all concerned. Further, cable systems and wireless cable systems may elect not to interrupt the programming of a broadcast station carrying news or weather related emergency information with state and local EAS messages based on a written agreement between all parties.

On this day of (Date:), the station (Call Letter:), licensed to serve (City of License:) enter into the above-mentioned agreement with cable systems carrying (Call Letters:) also entering into this agreement, and including copies of their agreement in Tab 20 of the Oregon State EAS Plan, whereby all EAS messages broadcast will not be broadcast on the channels on the system carrying (Call Letters of:).

On Behalf of: (Call Letters)
Licensed to Serve: (City of License)

Signature:

Date:

Print Name

Position:

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On this day of (Date:), the cable system (Cable System Name:), providing service to (Communities Served:) enter into the above-mentioned agreement with television stations also entering into this agreement, and including copies of their agreement in Tab 20 of the Oregon State EAS Plan, whereby all EAS messages broadcast will not be broadcast on the channels on the system carrying the local station.

**On Behalf (Cable Company)
Serving (Communities Served)**

Signature:

Date:

Print Name

Position: