ESPN XDS Transition FAQ

1. What is ESPN doing with our distribution of audio to ESPN Radio Affiliates?

a. As of December 31, 2012, ESPN ENGLISH and Spanish affiliate stations transitioned from Cumulus XDS to ESPN XDS satellite system. Stations must use separate receivers for ESPN and Non-ESPN programming.

2. What do I need to do as an ESPN Affiliate?

a. Be sure to use ESPN's web page for the proper parameters and XDS scheduler and not Cumulus.

b. ESPN Affiliate Website: http://myxdsreceiver.espn.com

c. Cumulus Affiliate Website: http://myxdsreceiver.cmneng.com

ESPN XDS Carrier Parameters:

L-Band RF: 01384500 kHz
Symbol Rate: 03333447 sps

If you have multiple receivers and have programing from Cumulus, use the settings below.

Cumulus XDS Carrier Parameters:

L-Band RF: 01199000 kHz
Symbol Rate: 10417000 sps

3. Ports and schedules should have made the transition from Cumulus to ESPN on your receiver after the transition.

a. Only ESPN programs and schedules made the transition. Stations should confirm their port schedules.

4. Relay programming transfered automatically.

a. Stations should confirm their relay mappings. For the legal ID, Cumulus used "LID". ESPN Uses "EID" for English and "DID" for Spanish (Deportes)

5. What is the ESPN web-address for the new ESPN "MyXdsReceiver" website for program and schedule configuration?

a. http://myxdsreceiver.espn.com

6. Will my team NFL, NBA, College Football or other non-ESPN Play by Play events be on the new ESPN frequency?

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b. Non-ESPN produced events are programmed via the Special Events Tab on http://myxdsreceiver.cmneng.com (Cumulus Site)

7. How do I contact ESPN Tech Support?
a. **888-564-2539, Opt 5**
b. **Email:** espnradio3@espn.com
c. **Web:** http://help.espnradio.com

8. I will still have an XDS receiver on Cumulus for continued Cumulus program feeds. How do I setup the Cumulus XDS receiver to keep the programs I need from Cumulus?
a. Your Cumulus XDS Receiver is separate and ESPN programming is no longer be available thru the Cumulus-only receiver. You will still be listed by call-sign for each audio port (Schedule) on the XDS receiver. For Cumulus Technical Assistance call Cumulus Media Networks Technical Services M-F from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM ET

Call (972) 448-3131 or (212) 456-5000 – option 4 or Fax: (212) 456-5708 or Email: techservices@cumulus.com
9. What is the PIN out on the AES Digital and on the standard Analog port connectors?
a. Please see the Help Info on the ESPN Help Site at http://help.espnradio.com

10. My ESPN XDS receiver has failed. What do I do?
a. After you have gone thru some normal troubleshooting procedures, please contact the ESPN Help Desk at **888-564-2539, Opt 5**

11. Will programming switch to an internet feed on the XDS if I have loss of RF signal?
a. Yes, this is a normal function of the XDS receiver, but you must have the Internet connected 24/7/365, which is a requirement to use the XDS receiver.

12. Is there an alternate source of programming available?
a. Web streams can be found on the at http://help.espnradio.com
b. Temporary ISDN or POTS lines will be available on a case by case basis by calling the Help Desk at **888-564-2539, Opt 5**

13. Can I access the receivers' internal web interface (via local IP address)?
a. Yes, as usual. You will need to know the IP address of your receiver. You can get that from the menus under NETWORK. Login will remain the same: User=tech, Pw=radio (unless it got changed by your station)

14. Will Network Commercials be available as before?
a. Yes, depending on how you have done this in the past, that method may still be available. One method is by accessing the receivers' internal web interface using a local IP address, going to the Content tab then the Audio tab.

b. NOTE: ESPN Radio Commercial Logs will NO longer be available on the Cumulus E-Business System nor X-Courier. ESPN affiliates must login to the new ESPN Counterpoint Site http://affiliatecp.espn.