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NOTICE OF JANUARY 26, 2015 EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ACCESSIBLE USER INTERFACES RULES REQUIRING OMB APPROVAL

MB Docket No. 12-108

On October 31, 2013, the Commission released the *User Interfaces Order*, which adopted rules requiring the accessibility of user interfaces on digital apparatus and navigation devices used to view video programming to enable individuals with disabilities to more easily access such programming.¹ Those rules became effective on January 21, 2014, except for the rules that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”).² The information collection was submitted to OMB for review under 44 U.S.C. § 3507(d) and was approved by OMB on October 1, 2014.³ The Commission in the *User Interfaces Order* stated that these rules will become effective upon announcement in the *Federal Register* of OMB approval and an effective date of the rules.⁴ The Commission has published this notice in the *Federal Register*,

¹ *Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus; Accessible Emergency Information, and Apparatus Requirements for Emergency Information and Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010*, MB Docket Nos. 12-108, 12-107, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 28 FCC Rcd 17330 (2013) (“*User Interfaces Order*”).

² See Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 79, Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus, Final Rule, 78 FR 77210 (Dec. 20, 2013). See also Public Notice, *Notice of Effective Date of New Accessible User Interfaces Rules and Announcement of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines for Related Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 28 FCC Rcd 16977 (2013). The rules that require OMB approval are Sections 79.107(c), 79.108(a)(5), 79.108(c)-(e), and 79.110.

³ See Notice of Office of Management and Budget Action for OMB Control No. 3060-1203 (approved Oct. 1, 2014), available at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/DownloadNOA?requestID=260592>.

⁴ *User Interfaces Order*, 28 FCC Rcd at 17423, ¶ 163.

announcing an effective date of January 26, 2015.⁵ Accordingly, the rules that required OMB approval took effect on January 26, 2015.

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⁵ See Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 79, Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus, Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date, 80 FR 3913 (Jan. 26, 2015).