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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES MARCH 21, 2018, EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDED RULES FOR AM DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA ARRAYS

MB Docket No. 13-249

On September 22, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted a Third Report and Order (Third R&O) in the *Revitalization of the AM Service* rulemaking proceeding, modifying certain rules pertaining to the licensing and modification of AM directional antenna arrays.¹ The Third R&O provided that the “rule changes to Sections 73.151(c)(1)(ix), 73.151(c)(1)(x), 73.151(c)(3), 73.154(a), and 73.155, all of which contain new or modified information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the [Paperwork Reduction Act], WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE after the Commission publishes a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing such approval and the relevant effective date.”² A summary of the Third R&O was published in the *Federal Register* on November 3, 2017.³ On March 21, 2018, a summary was published in the *Federal Register* announcing OMB approval of the rules containing information collection requirements, which became effective on the date of *Federal Register* publication.⁴ Accordingly, the changes to Sections 73.151(c)(1)(ix), 73.151(c)(1)(x), 73.151(c)(3), 73.154(a), and 73.155 of the Commission’s rules took effect on March 21, 2018.⁵

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¹ *Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*, Third Report and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 7736 (2017).

² *Id.* at 7747, para. 37. One other rule change, to 47 CFR § 73.151(c)(1)(viii), became effective on December 4, 2017, 30 days after the summary of the Third R&O was published in the *Federal Register*. 82 Fed. Reg. 51161 (Nov. 3, 2017).

³ Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 73, *Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*, 82 Fed. Reg. 51161 (Nov. 3, 2017).

⁴ Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 73, *Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*, 83 Fed. Reg. 12274 (Mar. 21, 2018).

⁵ 47 CFR §§ 73.151(c)(1)(ix), 73.151(c)(1)(x), 73.151(c)(3), 73.154(a), and 73.155.