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This Guide is prepared in accordance with the requirements of section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. It is intended to help small entities—small businesses, small organizations (non-profits), and small governmental jurisdictions—comply with the revised rules adopted in the above-referenced Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) rulemaking dockets. This Guide is not intended to replace or supersede these rules, but to facilitate compliance with the rules. Although we have attempted to cover all parts of the rules that might be especially important to small entities, the coverage may not be exhaustive. This Guide cannot anticipate all situations in which the rules apply. Furthermore, the Commission retains the discretion to adopt case-by-case approaches, where appropriate, that may differ from this Guide. Any decision regarding a particular small entity will be based on the statute and any relevant rules.

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I. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROCEEDING

In the *Report and Order* in MB Docket No. 18-121, the Commission eliminates provisions of the Commission's rules that obligate broadcast licensees to post and maintain broadcast licenses and related information in specific locations. Specifically, the *Report and Order* eliminates requirements to post licenses, authorizations, license renewal information, and experimental authorizations for broadcast stations, low power FM stations, aural and television broadcast auxiliary stations. The order also eliminates requirements of FM translator, FM booster, LPTV, TV translator, and TV booster stations to maintain licensing documentation and display station contact information, and requirements for LPTV, TV translator, and TV booster stations to display their call sign with the contact information of a station representative and location of where station records are maintained. Based on the availability of this information through other means, and the limited practical use of requiring this information be posted publicly, the Commission determined that these rules were no longer necessary, and therefore outdated.

II. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The *Report and Order* eliminates provisions of the Commission's rules that obligate the following broadcast and cable entities to maintain paper copies of Commission rules: (1) broadcast stations, (2) Aural auxiliary stations, (3) TV auxiliary stations, (4) Low power FM stations, (5) FM translator stations, (6) FM booster stations, (7) Low power TV stations, (8) TV translator stations, and (9) TV booster stations.

License and Authorization Display (47 CFR § 73.1230, 75.564, 74.664, 74.432(j), 74.832(j))

- The *Report and Order* eliminates rule provisions requiring that stations conspicuously post the station license and authorization at the point of control for the transmitter.

Call Sign and Contact Display (47 CFR § 74.1265, 47 CFR § 74.765)

- The *Report and Order* eliminates rule provisions requiring that stations maintain the station license and authorizations, and display station call sign and contact information.

License Renewal Applications (47 CFR § 1.62(a)(2))

- The *Report and Order* eliminates rule provisions requiring stations post license renewal application information.

Posting Experimental Licenses (47 CFR § 5.203(b))

- The *Report and Order* eliminates rule provisions requiring stations post experimental use licenses.

III. RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Commission's actions in the *Report and Order* did not create any new recordkeeping or reporting requirements.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION DATE

The rules in the *Report and Order* became effective upon publication of the text or summary thereof in the Federal Register, i.e., on February 8, 2019

V. INTERNET LINKS

A copy of the *Posting of Station Licenses and Related Information Order*, is available at:
<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-18-174A1.pdf>.

A copy of the Federal Register Summary of the *Posting of Station Licenses and Related Information Order* is available at:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/02/08/2019-01491/posting-of-station-licenses-and-related-information>.