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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE FOR UNIFORM LICENSE RENEWAL, DISCONTINUANCE OF OPERATION, AND GEOGRAPHIC PARTITIONING AND SPECTRUM DISAGGREGATION RULES AND POLICIES FOR CERTAIN WIRELESS RADIO SERVICES RULES

WT Docket No. 10-112

On August 3, 2017, the Commission released the Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding, in which it updated and consolidated service-specific renewal and permanent discontinuance rules and established clear construction obligations for situations involving the transfer of portions of geographic licenses.¹ A summary of the *WRS Renewals Report and Order* was published in the Federal Register on September 1, 2017, and most of the rules became effective on October 2, 2017.² As noted in the *WRS Renewals Report and Order*, the amendments to sections 1.949, 1.950, and 1.953 contained new or modified information collection requirements requiring review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act, and would become effective after OMB approval and publication of an effective date notice by the Commission in the Federal Register announcing such approval and effective date.³

On September 29, 2020, the Commission published an announcement of OMB approval and the effective date for the new rules in the Federal Register.⁴ The Commission's Universal Licensing System has been enhanced to accommodate the revised form and filing requirements associated with revised sections 1.949, 1.950, and 1.953 of the Commission's rules. Accordingly, Commission licensees must now comply with all the requirements of these rule sections regarding license renewals, discontinuance of service, and partitioning and disaggregation.

¹ *Amendment of Parts 1, 22, 24, 27, 74, 80, 90, 95, and 101 To Establish Uniform License Renewal, Discontinuance of Operation, and Geographic Partitioning and Spectrum Disaggregation Rules and Policies for Certain Wireless Radio Services*, WT Dkt. No. 10-112, Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 32 FCC Rcd 8874 (2017) (*WRS Renewals Second Report and Order*).

² 82 FR 41530 (2017).

³ *WRS Renewals Second Report and Order*, 32 FCC Rcd at 8920-21.

⁴ Federal Communications Commission, *Uniform License Renewal, Discontinuance of Operation, and Geographic Partitioning and Spectrum Disaggregation Rules and Policies for Certain Wireless Radio Services*, 85 FR 60718 (Sept. 28, 2020).