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## Media Bureau Announces Federal Register Publication of Report and Order in *All-Digital AM Broadcasting, Revitalization of the AM Radio Service* Proceeding

MB Docket Nos. 19-311, 13-249

On October 28, 2020, the Commission released a Report and Order in its proceeding to allow AM radio licensees to broadcast using an all-digital signal.<sup>1</sup> The rule revisions adopted in the *R&O* authorize all-digital AM operation and establish technical and operational guidelines regarding all-digital broadcasting.

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *R&O* was published in the Federal Register on December 3, 2020,<sup>2</sup> and the *R&O* and the rules adopted therein become effective 30 days thereafter, on January 4, 2021, with the exception of new rule section 73.406, which contains new or modified information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act. Section 73.406 will become effective on the date specified in a notice published at a later date in the Federal Register announcing such approval. The Media Bureau will release a Public Notice at that time announcing the effective date of section 73.406.

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By the Chief, Media Bureau

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<sup>1</sup> *All-Digital AM Broadcasting, Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*, MB Docket Nos. 19-311, 13-249, Report and Order, FCC 20-154 (October 27, 2020) (*R&O*).

<sup>2</sup> *All-Digital AM Broadcasting, Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*, 85 Fed. Reg. 78022 (Dec. 3, 2020).