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**Media Bureau Reminds cable and Satellite TV Providers of compliance Date for electronic delivery of certain notices to broadcast television stations**

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On January 30, 2020, the Commission released a *Report and Order* (*Order*) updating its notification rules for cable operators and direct broadcast satellite (DBS) providers by transitioning certain notices to broadcast television stations from paper to electronic delivery.[[1]](#footnote-3) By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau (Bureau) reminds cable operators and DBS providers that after July 31, 2020, they must use e-mail to deliver covered notices to broadcast television stations.[[2]](#footnote-4) As discussed in the *Order*, cable operators must use e-mail to deliver the notices required by the following rules: sections 76.64(k) (intent to commence service);[[3]](#footnote-5) 76.1601 (deletion or repositioning of broadcast signals);[[4]](#footnote-6) 76.1607 (changes to principal headend);[[5]](#footnote-7) 76.1608 (system technical integration requiring uniform election of must carry or retransmission consent status);[[6]](#footnote-8) 76.1609 (non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity);[[7]](#footnote-9) and 76.1617 (activation of a cable system).[[8]](#footnote-10) Similarly, DBS must use e-mail to deliver the notices required by the following rules: sections 76.54(e) and 76.66(d)(5) (intent to retransmit a “significantly viewed” out-of-market station);[[9]](#footnote-11) 76.66(d)(2) (intent to launch new local-into-local or HD carry-one, carry-all service);[[10]](#footnote-12) 76.66(d)(1)(vi) and (d)(3)(iv) (response to carriage requests);[[11]](#footnote-13) 76.66(f)(3)-(4) (location of local receive facility or intent to relocate such facility);[[12]](#footnote-14) and 76.66(h)(5) (deletion of duplicating signal or addition of formerly duplicating signal).[[13]](#footnote-15)

After July 31, 2020, notices to full-power and Class A television stations must be delivered via e-mail to the inbox that the station designates for carriage issues in the Online Public Inspection File (OPIF).[[14]](#footnote-16) Notices to low-power television (LPTV) stations that lack Class A status, and are not subject to the OPIF rules, must be delivered to the e-mail address listed for the licensee of the LPTV station in the Commission’s Licensing and Management System (LMS).[[15]](#footnote-17) Notices to qualified noncommercial educational (NCE) television translator stations must be delivered either (*i*) to the e-mail address listed for the licensee of the qualified NCE translator station in LMS, or (*ii*) to the “carriage issues” e-mail address listed in the primary station’s OPIF, if the qualified NCE translator station does not have its own e-mail address listed in LMS.[[16]](#footnote-18)

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1. *Electronic Delivery of Notices to Broadcast Television Stations et al.*, MB Docket No. 19-165 et al., Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 857 (2020). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. The Federal Register published a summary of the *Order* on March 20, 2020. *Electronic Delivery of Notices to Broadcast Television Stations et al.*, 85 Fed. Reg. 15999 (Mar. 20, 2020). The Federal Register summary stated that the revised rules would become effective on April 20, 2020. *Id.* On July 15, 2020, the Commission published a notice in the Federal Register announcing that the Office of Management and Budget had approved the non-substantive changes to Paperwork Reduction Act burdens resulting from the *Order*’s revisions to sections 76.54, 76.64, 76.66, 76.1601, 76.1607 through 76.1609, and 76.1617 of the Commission’s rules. *Information Collection Approved by the Office of Management and Budget*, 85 Fed. Reg. 42742 (July 15, 2020). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. 47 CFR § 76.64(k). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. *Id.* § 76.1601. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. *Id.* § 76.1607. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
6. *Id.* § 76.1608. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
7. *Id.* § 76.1609. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
8. *Id.* § 76.1617. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
9. *Id.* §§ 76.54(e), 76.66(d)(5). [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
10. 47 CFR § 76.66(d)(2). [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
11. *Id.* § 76.66(d)(1)(vi), (3)(iv). [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
12. *Id.* § 76.66(f)(3)-(4). [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
13. *Id.* § 76.66(h)(5). [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
14. *Id.* §§ 76.66(d)(2)(ii); 76.1600(e); *Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 860-61, 865, paras. 7, 15-16. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
15. 47 CFR § 76.1600(e); *Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 862-64, paras. 11-12. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
16. 47 CFR § 76.1600(e); *Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 864, para. 13. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)