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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

MB Docket No. 19-165

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 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 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 76.1601 (deletion or repositioning of broadcast signals);⁴ 76.1607 (changes to principal headend);⁵ 76.1608 (system technical integration requiring uniform election of must carry or retransmission consent status);⁶ 76.1609 (non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity);⁷ and 76.1617 (activation of a cable system).⁸ 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 76.66(d)(2) (intent to launch new local-into-local or HD carry-one, carry-all

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).

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).

³ 47 CFR § 76.64(k).

⁴ *Id.* § 76.1601.

⁵ *Id.* § 76.1607.

⁶ *Id.* § 76.1608.

⁷ *Id.* § 76.1609.

⁸ *Id.* § 76.1617.

⁹ *Id.* §§ 76.54(e), 76.66(d)(5).

service);¹⁰ 76.66(d)(1)(vi) and (d)(3)(iv) (response to carriage requests);¹¹ 76.66(f)(3)-(4) (location of local receive facility or intent to relocate such facility);¹² and 76.66(h)(5) (deletion of duplicating signal or addition of formerly duplicating signal).¹³

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 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 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

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¹⁰ 47 CFR § 76.66(d)(2).

¹¹ *Id.* § 76.66(d)(1)(vi), (3)(iv).

¹² *Id.* § 76.66(f)(3)-(4).

¹³ *Id.* § 76.66(h)(5).

¹⁴ *Id.* §§ 76.66(d)(2)(ii); 76.1600(e); *Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 860-61, 865, paras. 7, 15-16.

¹⁵ 47 CFR § 76.1600(e); *Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 862-64, paras. 11-12.

¹⁶ 47 CFR § 76.1600(e); *Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 864, para. 13.