MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES JUNE 12, 2023 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN REVISIONS TO PART 74 COMMISSION RULES FOR LOW POWER TELEVISION AND TELEVISION TRANSLATOR STATIONS

MB Docket Nos. 03-185, 22-261

On April 17, 2023, the Commission released a Report and Order (Report and Order) in its proceeding to update the Commission’s Part 74 rules for low power television and television translator services to reflect the current operating environment.1 The Report and Order adopted rules to reflect the all-digital nature of these services since they were required to terminate all analog television operations by July 13, 2021, and made other updates to ensure the rules clearly reflect the Commission’s requirements and are understandable to all stakeholders.

By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau announces that the Report and Order was published in the Federal Register on May 12, 2023,2 and therefore the Report and Order becomes effective 30 days thereafter, on June 12, 2023.3 The changes to the following rule sections are effective on June 12, 2023: Sections 74.702, 74.708, 74.709, 74.710, 74.737, 74.750, 74.762, 74.783, 74.786, 74.787, 74.789, 74.790, 74.791, and 74.795.4

In addition, changes to the other rules adopted in the Report and Order contain new or modified information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act. Those changes are still pending such approval. Specifically, those rules include: Sections 74.703, 74.734, 74.735, 74.751, 74.763, and 74.784.5 The Media Bureau will release a future Public Notice announcing the effective date of the remaining rule changes.

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3 Because the 30th day after the date the summary was published in the Federal Register is Sunday, June 11, 2023, the effective date is the next business day, Monday, June 12, 2023. See 47 CFR § 1.4.

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