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EFFECTIVE DATE AND COMMENT DATES SET FOR ATSC 3.0 *THIRD REPORT AND ORDER* *FOURTH FNPRM*

MB Docket No. 16-142

Comment Date: September 15, 2023
Reply Comment Date: October 16, 2023

On June 23, 2023, the Commission released a Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Next Generation Television (“Next Gen TV” or “ATSC 3.0”) docket.¹ By this Public Notice, we announce that today the Federal Register published a summary of the *Third Report and Order* and *Fourth FNPRM*.²

The *Third Report and Order* adopted rules permitting the licensing of simulcast and non-simulcast multicast streams and extended the sunset dates until July 17, 2027 for the Commission’s “substantially similar” requirement and the requirement for Next Gen TV stations to comply with the A/322 standard. The *Fourth FNPRM* sought comment on issues related to the marketplace for ATSC 3.0 Standard Essential Patents (SEPs).

The Commission stated that the *Third Report and Order* and rules would become effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register, except for rule sections 73.3801, 73.6029, and 74.782, which contain new or modified information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and which shall become effective after the Commission publishes a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing OMB approval and the effective date of these rules.³ Accordingly, the rules adopted in the *Third Report and Order* will take effect on August 16, 2023, except for rule sections 73.3801, 73.6029, and 74.782, which require OMB approval. The Media Bureau will issue a Public Notice announcing when these rules will take effect.

The *Fourth FNPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 60 and 90 days, respectively, after publication of the *FNPRM* in the Federal Register.⁴ Comments must be submitted no

¹ *Authorizing Permissive Use of the “Next Generation” Broadcast Television Standard*, GN Docket No. 16-142, Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 23-53 (rel. Jun. 23, 2023) (*Third Report and Order* and *Fourth FNPRM*). The document is available on the Commission’s website at <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-adopts-atsc-30-multicast-licensing-and-extends-sunset-dates>.

² *Third Report and Order*, Final Rule, 88 FR 45347 (Jul. 17, 2023); *Fourth FNPRM*, Proposed Rule, 88 FR 45378 (Jul. 17, 2023).

³ *Third Report and Order* and *Fourth FNPRM* at ¶ 66.

⁴ *See id.* at page 1.

later than September 15, 2023. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than October 16, 2023. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in the *Fourth FNPRM*.⁵

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⁵ See *id.* at ¶ 62.