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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE OF QUADRENNIAL REVIEW REPORT AND ORDER

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On December 22, 2023, the Commission adopted the *2018 Quadrennial Review Report and Order (Report and Order)*, which retained the existing media ownership rules and adopted minor modifications that tailored them better to the current media marketplace.¹ Specifically, the *Report and Order* retained the Dual Network Rule and the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the latter of which was modified only to make permanent the interim contour-overlap methodology long used to determine ownership limits in areas outside the boundaries of defined Nielsen Audio Metro markets and in Puerto Rico.² For the Local Television Ownership Rule, the *Report and Order* updated the methodology for determining station ranking within a market to better reflect current industry practices and expanded the existing prohibition on use of affiliation to circumvent the restriction on acquiring a second top-four ranked station in a market.³ The rules become effective 30 days after publication of the *Report and Order* in the Federal Register.⁴ The Federal Register published a summary of the *2018 Quadrennial Review Report and Order* on February 15, 2024.⁵ Accordingly, the rules adopted in the *Report and Order* will take effect on March 18, 2024.⁶

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¹ *2018 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Report and Order, FCC 23-117 (Dec. 26, 2023).

² *Id.* at 2, para. 2.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* at 79, para. 153.

⁵ Federal Communications Commission, *2018 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules*, 89 Fed. Reg. 12196 (Feb. 15, 2024).

⁶ *Id.* Changes to Commission Forms required as the result of the rule amendments adopted in the *Report and Order* are delayed indefinitely, and the Commission will publish a document in the Federal Register announcing the effective date for changes to the Commission Forms. *Id.*