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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES MARCH 4, 2024 EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ALL REVISIONS TO PART 73 COMMISSION RULES FOR FULL POWER AND CLASS A TELEVISION STATIONS

MB Docket No. 22-227

On September 19, 2023, the Commission released a Report and Order (*Report and Order*) in its proceeding to update the Commission's part 73 rules for full power and Class A television services to reflect the current operating environment.¹ The *Report and Order* adopted rules to reflect the transition from analog to digital-only operations and the completion of the post-incentive auction transition to a smaller television band with fewer channels, and made other updates to ensure the rules reflect the Commission's requirements and are understandable for our licensees and the public.

The Media Bureau hereby announces that all rule changes adopted in the *Report and Order* are effective as of March 4, 2024.² Those rules in the *Report and Order* that may have contained new or modified information collection requirements³ have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act and are also effective as of March 4, 2024.⁴

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¹ *Amendment of Part 73 of the Commission's Rules to Update Television and Class A Television Broadcast Station Rules, and Rules Applicable to All Broadcast Stations*, MB Docket No. 22-227, Report and Order, FCC 23-72 (Sept. 19, 2023) (*Report and Order*).

² The *Report and Order* was published in the Federal Register on February 1, 2024, and therefore, with the exception of those rules listed *infra* in n.3, the amendments in the *Report and Order* become effective 30 days thereafter, on March 4, 2024. Because the 30th day after the date the summary was published in the Federal Register is Saturday, March 2, 2024, the effective date is the next business day, Monday, March 4, 2024. See *Establishing Rules for Full Power Television and Class A Television Stations*, 89 Fed. Reg. 7224 (Feb. 1, 2024); see also 47 CFR § 1.4.

³ See 47 CFR §§ 73.619, 73.625, 73.1250, 73.1350, 73.1560, 73.1615, 73.1620, 73.1635, 73.1675, 73.1690, 73.1740, 73.1750, 73.2080, 73.3540, 73.3544, 73.3549, 73.3550, 73.3598, 73.5006, 73.6024, and 73.6025.

⁴ The OMB has approved the Commission's Paperwork Reduction Act submissions associated with the revisions to those rules in *supra* n.3. See *Establishing Rules for Full Power Television and Class A Television Stations*, 89 Fed. Reg. 14775 (Feb. 29, 2024) (announcing OMB approval and that the associated rule changes are effective on March 4, 2024); *Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission*, 88 Fed. Reg. 70980 (Oct. 13, 2023).