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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN LOW POWER PROTECTION ACT RULES

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On December 12, 2023, the Commission released a *Report and Order* (*Order*) that adopted rules to implement the Low Power Protection Act (LPPA).¹ The LPPA provides qualifying low power television (LPTV) stations with a limited window of opportunity to apply for primary spectrum use status as Class A television stations.²

On January 10, 2024, the Federal Register published a summary of the final rules adopted in the *Order*.³ Accordingly, the rules adopted in the *Order* will take effect on February 9, 2024, except for sections 73.6030(c) and 73.6030(d) which contain new or modified information collection requirements that require review by OMB.⁴ At the conclusion of the OMB review process, the Media Bureau will announce the effective date of that information collection in a document published in the Federal Register. The Media Bureau will thereafter issue a Public Notice that establishes the one-year application filing window once the revised application form (FCC Form 2100) is available for use by applicants.⁵

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¹ Low Power Protection Act, Pub. L. 117-344, 136 Stat. 6193 (2023); *Implementation of the Low Power Protection Act*, MB Docket No. 23-126, Report and Order, FCC 23-112 (rel. Dec. 12, 2023) (*Order*) available at https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-112A1.pdf.

² See id.

³ See Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 73, Low Power Protection Act, Final Rule, 89 FR 1466 (Jan. 10, 2024).

⁴ See Order at para. 61 & Appx. B (Final Rules), 47 CFR §§ 73.6030(c) (Application Requirements), 73.6030(d) (Licensing Requirements). The information collection requirements contained in the rules that require OMB approval are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Pub. L. No. 104-13, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified in Chapter 35 of title 44 U.S.C.).

⁵ See Order at para. 62 (delegating authority to the Media Bureau for the purpose of amending FCC Form 2100 as necessary to implement the licensing process adopted in the *Order* and to establish the one-year application filing window once the revised form is available for use by applicants).