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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE OF MODIFIED AND NEW RULES ENABLING FM AND LPFM BROADCAST STATION BOOSTERS TO ORIGINATE PROGRAMMING

MB Docket Nos. 20-401 and 17-105

Effective Date of Amended Sections 73.3526, 73.3527, and 74.1204; New Section 74.1206; and FCC Form 2100, Schedule 336 is July 25, 2025

On November 22, 2024, the Commission adopted the Second Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration in *Amendment of Section 74.1231(i) of the Commission's Rules on FM Broadcast Booster Stations; Modernization of Media Initiative*,¹ in which the Commission amended certain of its broadcast radio procedures and rules, including sections 73.3526, 73.3527, and 74.1204 of the rules;² added new section 74.1206 of the rules;³ and directed the creation of the FM Booster Program Origination Notification, FCC Form 2100, Schedule 336, to allow FM and LPFM broadcast stations voluntarily to originate programming on a limited basis over FM booster stations.

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the notice of the effective date for modified sections 73.3526, 73.3527, and 74.1204, as amended in the *Geocasting Second R&O*, as well as the effective date of new section 74.1206, was published in the *Federal Register* on July 25, 2025, ⁴ and became effective on that date. Upon this effective date, FM and LPFM stations must now use FCC Form 2100, Schedule 336 to notify the Commission of the initiation of voluntary, limited use of FM booster stations to originate content on a permanent basis.

¹ Amendment of Section 74.1231(i) of the Commission's Rules on FM Broadcast Booster Stations; Modernization of Media Initiative, MB Docket Nos. 22-405 and 17-105; RM 11854, FCC 24-121, Second Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, 39 FCC Rcd 12945 (2024) (Geocasting Second R&O).

² 47 CFR §§ 73.3526, 73.3527, and 74.1204. Amendments to 47 CFR §§ 11.21, 73.860, 74.1204(a)(4), 74.1204(a)(5), 74.1204(i), 74.1231, 74.1232, and 74.1290 became effective 30 days after publication in the *Federal Register* of the summary of the *Geocasting Second R&O*. See Geocasting Second R&O, 39 FCC Rcd at 12975-76; 89 Fed. Reg. 100868 (Dec. 13, 2024).

³ 47 CFR § 74.1206.

⁴ 90 Fed. Reg. 35238 (July 25, 2025).

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