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**MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE FOR RULE CHANGES
IN LPTV ADVANCEMENT REPORT AND ORDER
MB Docket No. 24-148**

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 9, 2026

AND

**GUIDANCE CONCERNING MEDIA BUREAU'S ONGOING LPTV FILING
OPPORTUNITY**

On December 19, 2025, the Commission released a *Report and Order* amending its rules to advance the future of local broadcasting by providing added regulatory clarity to low power television, television translator (LPTV/TV translator) and Class A television stations (collectively, LPTV Service).¹ The Commission stated in the *Report and Order* that the amended rules that may contain new or modified information collection requirements require approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and would take effect following receipt of OMB approval.² By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau announces that OMB has approved the following amendments to the rules and that these amendments are effective as of **July 9, 2026**.³

Section 73.3700(g) Eliminating the requirement that wireless licensees assigned to frequencies in the 600 MHz band notify LPTV/TV translator stations of their intent to commence wireless operations and the likelihood of receiving harmful interference from the LPTV/TV translator station to such operations within the wireless licensee's licensed geographic service area.

Section 74.787(a)(4) Requiring that LPTV/TV translator stations filing a displacement application (FCC Form 2100 – Schedule C) include an exhibit explaining how their facilities were displaced.

¹ *Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Advance the Low Power Television, TV Translator and Class A Television Service*, MB Docket No. 24-148, Report and Order, 40 FCC Rcd 10396 (2025) (*Report and Order*). The document is available on the Commission's website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-25-84A1.pdf>.

² *Report and Order*, 40 FCC Rcd at 10439, para. 81.

³ See *Report and Order*, Final Rule, 91 FR 42359 (July 9, 2026). We note that, on January 23, 2026, the Federal Register published a summary of the *Report and Order*. See *Report and Order*, Final Rule, 91 FR 2861 (Jan. 23, 2026). Rule amendments not discussed in this Public Notice that were not subject to OMB approval were effective on February 23, 2026. See *Media Bureau Announces Effective Date For LPTV Advancement Report And Order*, Public Notice, DA 26-90 (MB Jan. 27, 2026).

- Section 74.791(a)** Revising the LPTV Service call sign rule to require that stations have a call sign that is appropriate for their service designation and grandfather existing call signs for Class A and LPTV stations. Stations without an appropriate call sign or that do not qualify for grandfathering will be required to file a call sign change to designate a rule compliant call sign no later than **July 9, 2027**.⁴
- Section 74.793(j)** Requiring that applicants seeking to construct facilities that would exceed the permissible interference levels in the Commission’s rules submit a copy of the agreement between affected parties to accept such interference with their application.
- Section 74.799(i)** Allowing LPTV/TV translator channel sharees to cease channel sharing and seek to obtain a license for a non-shared channel by filing a major modification (FCC Form 2100, Schedule C) specifying a non-shared channel and facility.

Certain other rule amendments, including 47 CFR §§ 73.6001(d), 73.6002(a)(2) and (b)(2), and 74.787(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(ii), required changes to the Commission’s forms. These changes have not yet taken effect, as OMB approval remains pending. The Media Bureau will issue a separate Public Notice announcing when those amendments to the Commission’s rules and form changes will take effect.

Guidance Concerning Ongoing LPTV Filing Opportunity

On March 19, 2026, for the first time in over a decade, the Media Bureau began accepting applications for major changes for Class A, LPTV/ TV translator stations and applications for new LPTV/TV translator stations.⁵ Since then, the Media Bureau has received over 2,500 applications and granted over 135 applications.

The Media Bureau has received questions seeking guidance about how to complete FCC Form 2100 – Schedule C when submitting such applications. Under the “Attributable Interest – Other Authorizations” section of the application, the form asks: “*Does the applicant or any party to the application have an attributable interest in any other broadcast station(s).*” Although applicants can certify either “Yes,” “No,” or “N/A” in response to this question, the Media Bureau previously was not accepting applications that included an “N/A” response. We now provide guidance that applications will not be rejected solely on the basis of an “N/A” response. Should an applicant respond “Yes”, the applicant must include an exhibit listing attributable broadcast interests in other broadcast station(s) held by the applicant or any party to the application. Parties without attributable interests in any other broadcast station should certify “No”. Any applicants with pending applications that have certified “N/A” because they do not have any attributable interests are not required to amend their responses.

The Media Bureau has also received questions about the treatment of MX applications new and major changes. We will announce by separate public notice further guidance for resolving mutually exclusive applications through settlement or engineering amendment that may be submitted either prior or

⁴ *Report and Order*, 40 FCC Rcd at 10422, para. 44 (providing stations that do not qualify for grandfathering or that want to voluntarily change their call sign one-year from the effective date of the rule change to designate a four-letter call sign with the correct suffix).

⁵ *Media Bureau Revises Filing Schedule for Class A, LPTV, and TV Translator Major Change Applications and for New LPTV and TV Translator Station Applications*, Public Notice, 40 FCC Rcd 8772 (MB 2025); *Media Bureau Announces a Phased Resumption of First-Come, First-Served Processing of Applications for Major Changes for Class A, LPTV, and TV Translator Stations and Applications for New LPTV and TV Translator Stations*, Public Notice, 40 FCC Rcd 6870 (MB 2025) (Sept. 3, 2025 Public Notice).

during a settlement window.⁶

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⁶ See also Sept. 3, 2025 Public Notice, 40 FCC Rcd at 6874.