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FCC Requires Television Broadcasters to Provide More Local Programming Information to the Public

Washington, DC – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today adopted a Report and Order (Order) which requires television broadcasters to provide more information on the local programming they are broadcasting and facilitate the public's access to that information. The Commission is committed to establishing and maintaining a system of local broadcasting that is responsive to the unique interests and needs of individual communities. Today's action ensures the public is well informed about how well television stations are serving their local communities and will make broadcasters more accountable to their viewers.

Under today's Order, television broadcasters must file a standardized programming form on a quarterly basis. This form will provide the public with easily accessible information in a standardized format on each television station's efforts to serve its community. The form requires broadcasters to list various types of programming, including local civic programming, local electoral affairs programming, public service announcements, and independently produced programming, and also includes information about efforts that have been made to ascertain the programming needs of various segments of the community, and information regarding closed captioning and video described content. This form will replace the current issues/programs list, which required broadcasters to place in their public file on a quarterly basis a list of programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period. The standardized programming form will be available online and filed with FCC.

In this Order, the Commission also specifically requires television licensees to make their public inspection file (with the exception of their political file) available online if they have Internet websites and notify their audiences twice daily about the location of the station's public file.

Action by the Commission November 27, 2007, by Report and Order (FCC 07-205). Chairman Martin, Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, and Tate with Commissioner McDowell concurring in part and dissenting in part. Separate statements issued by Chairman Martin, Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Tate, and McDowell.

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