

Media Contact:

Janice Wise, (202) 418-8165
janice.wise@fcc.gov

For Immediate Release

**FCC PROPOSES TO MODERNIZE BROADCASTER NOTIFICATION
RULES FOR CABLE AND SATELLITE TV PROVIDERS**

WASHINGTON, July 10, 2019—The Federal Communications Commission today continued taking steps to update to its notification rules for cable and satellite TV providers by proposing to transition required notices to broadcast TV stations from paper to electronic delivery.

Currently, these rules require that cable and satellite TV providers distribute written notices to local TV stations by mail, certified mail, or hand delivery before taking certain actions. For example, cable operators must provide notice before commencing service in a market or deleting or repositioning a broadcast station. Similarly, satellite providers must give notice prior to retransmitting certain stations and launching new services into a market.

Consistent with the Commission's decision in a companion order adopted today to require electronic delivery of carriage election notices, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes to require that notices from a cable operator to a broadcast TV station be delivered via email to an inbox designated by the station in the online public inspection file (OPIF). The Notice seeks comment on whether satellite TV providers similarly should be required to use email to deliver notices to broadcast TV stations.

In addition, the NPRM seeks comment on whether and how the proposal to require electronic delivery of notices can be applied to certain low power TV and noncommercial translator stations that are not required to maintain an OPIF. Today's proceeding is the fifteenth in the Commission's ongoing effort to modernize its rules by eliminating or modifying regulations that are outdated, unnecessary, or unduly burdensome.

Action by the Commission July 10, 2019 by Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 19-68). Chairman Pai, Commissioners O'Rielly, Carr, Rosenworcel, and Starks approving. Chairman Pai, Commissioners O'Rielly and Rosenworcel issuing separate statements.

MB Docket Nos. 19-165, 17-105

###

Media Relations: (202) 418-0500 / ASL: (844) 432-2275 / TTY: (888) 835-5322 / Twitter: @FCC / www.fcc.gov

This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).