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For Immediate Release**FCC PROPOSES TO ALLOW ALL-DIGITAL AM BROADCASTING**

WASHINGTON, November 22, 2019—The Federal Communications Commission today adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that recommends giving AM stations the flexibility to voluntarily adopt all-digital broadcasting.

Many AM stations experience interference from electronic devices and other sources that affects audio quality. All-digital broadcasting offers AM broadcasters the potential to improve their signal quality and area of listenable coverage, as well as offer additional services that FM broadcasters currently offer, such as song and artist identification. It also holds the potential to allow AM stations to increase their programming options to include music formats.

In today's NPRM, the Commission proposes to allow AM stations to voluntarily transition to all-digital transmission. The Commission also proposes establishing operating parameters for all-digital stations to minimize any risk of interference. Finally, the Commission proposes adopting the industry-approved standard for hybrid and all-digital broadcasting.

This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking continues the Commission's effort to revitalize AM broadcasting by enabling it to provide a better listening experience and enhanced service offerings.

Action by the Commission November 22, 2019 by Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 19-123). Chairman Pai, Commissioners O'Rielly, Carr, Rosenworcel, and Starks approving. Chairman Pai, Commissioners O'Rielly and Carr issuing separate statements.

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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).*