



## NEWS FROM THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### **FCC Continues Efforts to Remove Unnecessary Rules**

#### *Media Bureau Repeals 43 Obsolete Regulations*

WASHINGTON, August 21, 2025—The Federal Communications Commission took action today to eliminate more obsolete and unnecessary rules and regulations as part of its “Delete, Delete, Delete” initiative. Specifically, today’s Media Bureau action will remove from the agency’s Part 76 regulations approximately 5,855 words and 43 rules or requirements that applied to cable and satellite service providers.

#### **Chairman Carr issued the following statement:**

“The FCC is moving quickly to identify and remove from our books any rules or regulations that no longer serve a valid purpose. With today’s agency action, we are removing another 43 rules or requirements.”

#### **Additional Background:**

In March 2025, the FCC launched its “Delete, Delete, Delete” proceeding seeking comment on every rule, regulation, or guidance document it should eliminate to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens. The Media Bureau Order issued today takes the following actions:

- Removes the standstill rule for program carriage complaint proceedings, which was vacated by the Second Circuit in 2013.
- Removes the rules placing limits on the use of encoding by cable television operators and satellite providers to prevent or limit copying of their programming, which were vacated by the D.C. Circuit in 2013.

These deletions will help streamline the Commission’s rules and reduce confusion for cable and satellite service providers and video programming vendors.

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