



NEWS FROM THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

FCC Advances the 2022 Quadrennial Review of Broadcast Ownership Rules

WASHINGTON, September 30, 2025—The Federal Communications Commission today voted to advance the Commission’s quadrennial regulatory review of its broadcast ownership rules. Through today’s action, the Commission seeks comment on whether and how the media ownership rules serve the public interest in light of emerging technologies and constantly changing media marketplace conditions.

The FCC is required by law to review certain broadcast ownership rules every four years to determine whether the rules remain “necessary in the public interest as the result of competition.” On December 22, 2022, the Commission released a Public Notice initiating the 2022 Quadrennial Regulatory Review and sought initial comment on whether the three media ownership rules subject to the quadrennial regulatory review remain necessary in their current form to serve the public interest or whether the rules should be modified or eliminated. The Commission historically has reviewed its ownership rules through the lens of advancing the agency’s traditional policy goals of competition, localism, and viewpoint diversity and seeks comment on whether there are new ways to think about or define these goals.

With today’s action the Commission will launch a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment on the Local Radio Ownership Rule, which limits the total number of radio stations that may be commonly owned in a local market and the Local Television Rule, which limits a single entity from owning more than two television stations in the same local market. More specifically, today’s action asks to what extent the local ownership rules promote competition among local broadcast stations or whether, in light of the pressures local stations now face, the rules impede their ability to achieve efficiencies that would allow them to better serve their communities and remain competitive.

In addition, the Commission will seek comment on the Dual Network Rule, which effectively prohibits a merger between or among the Big Four broadcast networks. The NPRM asks whether these networks remain so unique, particularly with respect to video programming and national advertising, as to justify applying these rules only to them.

Action by the Commission September 30, 2025 by Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 25-64). Chairman Carr, Commissioners Gomez and Trusty approving and issuing separate statements.

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