



NEWS FROM THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

FCC Takes Steps to Accelerate the Future of Broadcast Television

WASHINGTON, October 28, 2025—The Federal Communications Commission today took action to support and accelerate the nation’s ongoing transition to Next Gen TV (also known as ATSC 3.0). This new technology represents the future of broadcasting and promises to modernize the nation’s free and local over-the-air television service, which serves as a vital source of local news and information for many Americans. Specifically, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted today proposes to remove regulatory obstacles to the transition and provide broadcasters with greater flexibility to decide when and how to make this transition based on local viewer and marketplace demands.

With viewers watching content anytime, anywhere, ATSC 3.0 provides broadcasters with an opportunity to look for new ways to offer quality programming and improve the outlook for stations across the country. ATSC 3.0 also supports additional enhancements and capabilities to “traditional” broadcast offerings, such as targeted emergency alerts, interactive or other special programming features, enhanced video and audio formats, and other innovative services.

Today’s action aims to remove unnecessary regulatory obstacles and give substantial flexibility to broadcasters to determine how to continue to best serve their local communities while rolling out innovative 3.0 services. Most notably, the FCC proposes to end the requirement that Next Gen TV stations simulcast their signal in 1.0 while also providing more rule flexibility to those who wish to continue to do so. In addition, the FCC will seek comment on how to minimize the costs and impact of this transition on all stakeholders, including consumers, manufacturers, MVPDs, and smaller broadcasters.

Action by the Commission October 28, 2025 by Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 25-72). Chairman Carr, Commissioners Gomez and Trusty approving and issuing separate statements.

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