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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Amendment of Section 73.624(g) of the Commission's Rules Regarding Submission of FCC Form 2100, Schedule G, Used to Report TV Stations' Ancillary or Supplementary Services

FCC 18-41
MB Docket Nos. 17-264, 17-105
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I. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROCEEDING

In this *Report and Order* in MB Docket Nos. 17-264 and 17-105, the Commission revised section 73.624(g) of its rules to require only those digital television (DTV) broadcast stations that actually provided fee-able ancillary or supplementary services during the 12-month period ending on the preceding September 30 to submit Form 2100, Schedule G to the Commission.¹ Under the former rules, *all* DTV stations were required to submit Schedule G every year even if they provided no ancillary or supplementary services during the relevant reporting period. The rule changes adopted in the *Report and Order* will reduce regulatory burdens for a substantial number of broadcasters, including small entities.

II. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The *Report and Order* revised the Commission's rules to eliminate reporting burdens, but it imposed no new requirements.

III. RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The *Report and Order* created no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION DATE

The rule revisions adopted in the *Report and Order* became effective on May 3, 2018.

V. INTERNET LINKS

A copy of the *Report and Order* is available at:

https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-18-41A1.docx

A copy of the Federal Register Summary of the *Report and Order* is available at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/05/03/2018-09335/obligations-relating-to-submission-of-fcc-form-2100-schedule-g-used-to-report-tv-stations-ancillary>

¹ *Amendment of Section 73.264(g) of the Commission's Rules Regarding Submission of FCC Form 2100, Schedule G, Used to Report TV Stations' Ancillary or Supplementary Services*, Report and Order, 33 FCC Rcd 3702 (2018) (*Report and Order*).