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CABLE SERVICES BUREAU ACTION

Effective Date of Cable Digital Must Carry Rule Provisions Requiring OMB Approval

CS Docket Nos. 98-120, 00-96/00-2

On January 23, 2001, the Commission, in CS Docket Nos. 98-120, 00-96 and 00-2, released a *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (FCC 01-22, 16 FCC Rcd 2598 (2001)) adopting rules to require cable systems to carry digital-only local television broadcast stations and provide for retransmission consent agreements covering digital signals. The rules were published in the Federal Register at 66 FR 16533 (Mar. 26, 2001). The new rule provisions include: carriage obligations for new digital-only stations and stations that return analog spectrum; retransmission consent agreements involving digital signals; cable channel capacity calculations; determination of "good quality signal" in the digital context; and channel positioning for digital signals. The new and amended rule sections contained information collection requirements that required approval from the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") before they could become effective. OMB approved the information collection requirements on September 14, 2001 (*see* OMB No. 3060-0844). Accordingly, the revised provisions of Sections 76.5(b), 76.56(e), 76.57, 76.62, 76.64, 76.922, and 76.1603(c) became effective upon publication of the notice of OMB approval in the Federal Register on September 25, 2001 (66 FR 48981).

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