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MEDIA BUREAU PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING FM TRANSLATOR MODIFICATION APPLICATIONS

The Media Bureau issues this public notice to clarify the processing of FM translator modification applications or notifications proposing to rebroadcast AM stations.

On February 23, 2017, the Commission adopted *Revitalization of the AM Service*, Second Report and Order, FCC 17-14 (rel. Feb. 24, 2017) (*AMR 2nd R&O*). Although this order relaxes restrictions on the siting of FM translators rebroadcasting AM stations on a fill-in basis, FM translator permittees and licensees are reminded that applications or primary station notifications relying on these rule changes may not be filed prior to the effective date of the *AMR 2nd R&O*. In fairness to all stations that may wish to take advantage of the relaxed siting rule, any application or notification that does not comply with the current siting rule, including those that seek a waiver of the order's effective date, will be dismissed. This processing policy will ensure that all AM stations have the same opportunity to propose potentially conflicting facilities in spectrum-congested areas and to prevent filers from gaining cut-off protection for proposed facilities that at the time of filing are patently defective.

The Media Bureau will announce by subsequent public notice the effective date of these rule changes.

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