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Media Bureau Announces Effective Date of Modified Rule Governing AM Station MDCL Operation and Procedure for Submitting FCC Form 338 to Notify Commission of Commencement of MDCL Operation

On October 21, 2015, the Commission adopted a Report and Order in the Matter of *Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*.¹ The *AM Revitalization Order* was released on October 23, 2015, and published in the *Federal Register* on January 19, 2016.² In the *AM Revitalization Order*, the Commission amended Section 73.1560 of the Commission's rules³ to permit AM stations to commence operation using Modulation Dependent Carrier Level (MDCL) control technology without prior Commission authority, provided that within 10 days after commencement of MDCL operation, the AM station licensee submits a completed FCC Form 338, AM Station MDCL Notification.⁴ FCC Form 338 identifies the AM station and specifies the technical details of the station's MDCL operation. The rules adopted in the *AM Revitalization Order* become effective February 18, 2016, with the exception of Section 73.1560, which contained a new information collection necessitating Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA).⁵

On January 19, 2016, OMB approved the information collection for FCC Form 338 and Section 73.1560, identified by OMB Control Number 3060-1194. On February 2, 2016, announcement of OMB approval of FCC Form 338 and the effective date of modified Section 73.1560, March 3, 2016, were published in the *Federal Register*.⁶ By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau announces that both modified Section 73.1560 and FCC Form 338 become effective on March 3, 2016.

FCC Form 338 will be available for downloading on the Commission's website at <https://transition.fcc.gov/Forms/Form338/338.pdf>. Following completion of the form by the AM station licensee that has commenced MDCL operation, the licensee must submit the completed FCC Form 338

¹ MB Docket No. 13-249, First Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, and Notice of Inquiry, 30 FCC Rcd 12145 (2015) (*AM Revitalization Order*).

² *Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*, 81 Fed. Reg. 2751 (January 19, 2016).

³ 47 CFR §73.1560 (Section 73.1560).

⁴ *AM Revitalization Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12163 para. 39.

⁵ 44 U.S.C. § 3507.

⁶ *Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*, 81 Fed. Reg. 5380 (February 2, 2016).

through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁷ To do so, use the following procedure:

1. Go to ECFS main page: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>
2. On left side of page, select "Submit a Non-Docketed Filing"
3. Using the dropdown box for "Inbox" select "Form 338: AM Station MDCL Notification"
4. Complete "Contact Info"
5. For "Filing Type" select "Other"
6. Complete "Address"
7. For "Document" attach a completed FCC Form 338
8. Select "Continue"
9. Select "Confirm"

This completes the FCC Form 338 filing procedure, and the filer will receive a confirmation page. Submission of FCC Form 338 does not require payment of a filing fee. Only FCC Form 338 may be filed using this procedure. If any other filings are submitted to this ECFS Inbox using this procedure, they will be deleted from ECFS without staff review or action.

For further information concerning this Public Notice or assistance completing FCC Form 338, please contact Susan N. Crawford of the Media Bureau, Audio Division at Susan.Crawford@fcc.gov or (202) 418-2754, For information about or assistance with ECFS filing, please contact ecfshelp@fcc.gov or (202) 418-0193.

By the Chief, Media Bureau

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⁷ See *Commission Announces that Certain Non-Docketed Filings May Be Submitted Online*, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 14488 (2014).