

1. Next Generation" Broadcast TV Stations: G/TBT/N/USA/1893/Rev.1/Add.1 dated 17 November 2023

Notifying Member	United States of America
Type of Notification	Addendum to Regular Notification
Economic relevance	High "USD 25.93 Mn"
Technical Relevance	Technical- New

Proposal in brief

- a. The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has **approved**, for a **period of three years**, the information collection requirements associated with the Commission's rules in a Report and Order on **authorizing permissive** use of the "**Next Generation**" **Broadcast Television Standard**.
- b. The Commission generally adopts its proposal in the Next Gen TV Multicast Licensing FNPRM to allow a Next Gen TV station to seek modification of its license to include certain of its non-primary video programming streams (multicast streams) that are aired on "host" stations during a transitional period.
- c. Applicants must prepare an Exhibit identifying each proposed hosted stream and provide the following information about each stream, as broadcast:
 - a. the host station.
 - b. channel number (RF and virtual);
 - c. network affiliation (or type of programming if unaffiliated);
 - d. resolution (e.g., 1080i, 720p, 480p, or 480i);
 - e. the predicted percentage of population within the noise limited-service contour served by the station's original ATSC 1.0 signal that will be served by the host, with a contour overlay map identifying areas of service loss and, in the case of 1.0 streams, coverage of the originating station's community of license; and
 - f. whether the stream will be simulcast, and if so, the "paired" stream in the other service.
- d. The Exhibit must either state that the applicant will be airing the same programming that it is airing in 1.0 at the time of the application or identify the station that has aired or is airing the same or a similar programming lineup at the same resolutions on the same type of facility (individual or shared), as well as that station's lineup (with resolutions).
- e. This Exhibit must be placed on the applicant's public website or in the applicant's online public inspection file if the station does not have a dedicated website, with a link provided in the application.

Analysis

- a. This information is consistent both with that currently collected in STA applications and the approach identified in the Next Gen TV Multicast Licensing FNPRM.
- b. In order to streamline this process for both broadcasters and the Commission, such changes may be implemented without prior Commission approval.
- c. The said regulation entered into force on 16 November 2023.