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EFFECTIVE DATE OF DOCKET 81-742 RULE AND POLICY CHANGES

The policies and amended rules set out in the First Report and Order in BC Docket 81-742 (Formulation of Policies and Rules Relating to Broadcast Renewal Applicants, Competing Applicants, and Other Participants in the Comparative Renewal Process and to the Prevention of Abuses of the Renewal Process), 4 FCC Rcd 4780 (released May 16, 1989), summarized in 54 Fed. Reg. 22595 (May 25, 1989) were adopted subject to Office of Management and Budget approval of the new information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980. The changes adopted relate to settlement agreements, transmitter site availability, and other policies arising in renewal and comparative renewal proceedings.

The required Office of Management and Budget approvals have now been obtained and the rule and policy changes will accordingly become effective on August 7, 1989.

In accordance with paragraph 70 of the Report and Order, all applicants not yet designated for hearing that have relied upon the availability of the transmitter site of an existing licensee against whom they are competing will have an additional thirty days (until the close of business on September 6, 1989) to amend their applications in accordance with the new policy to show reasonable assurance of site availability and, if necessary, to amend the engineering data submitted.

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