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DTS Rules Now In Effect Commission Ready To Accept Applications By DTV Stations To Use Distributed Transmission System Technologies

By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau announces that the rules adopted in the Commission's Report and Order authorizing the use of distributed transmission system ("DTS") technologies in the digital television ("DTV") service are now in effect.¹ The *DTS Order* was published in the Federal Register on December 5, 2008.² The Commission obtained approval from the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for the information collection requirements contained in the *DTS Order* on December 29, 2008.³ The Commission announced in a Federal Register Notice that the DTS rules became effective on January 15, 2009.⁴

DTV stations that wish to apply to use DTS technologies must file FCC Forms 301 and 340 electronically using the CDBS efilng system. These forms, which have been modified to accommodate the use of DTS, are now available on the FCC's website (<http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>). DTS transmitters will not be separately licensed, but will be part of a linked group that will be covered by one construction permit and license.⁵ Stations must request authority to construct DTS facilities by filing a single application that includes either (1) a main transmitter and one or more additional transmitters that will collectively use the DTS technology, or (2) two or more smaller DTS transmitters.⁶ In addition, a station may add to its DTS network of transmitters using a minor change application for a construction permit to change a licensed DTV facility, or for a modified construction permit to change a DTV facility authorized by a construction permit.⁷ Stations that received Special Temporary Authority to use

¹ *Digital Television Distributed Transmission System Technologies*, MB Docket No. 05-312, Report and Order, FCC 08-256 (rel. Nov. 7, 2008) ("*DTS Order*"). See 47 C.F.R. §§ 73.626 and 73.6023.

² See 73 Fed. Reg. 74047 (December 5, 2008).

³ See OMB Control Nos. 3060-0027 and 3060-0029 (approved Dec. 29, 2008).

⁴ See 74 Fed. Reg. 2405 (January 15, 2009).

⁵ See *DTS Order*, *supra* note 1, at ¶ 43.

⁶ See *DTS Order*, *supra* note 1, at ¶ 44.

⁷ See *id.*

DTS under the interim policy are reminded to obtain permanent authorization now that the final rules are in effect.⁸

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⁸ *See id.*