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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Listening Session Access Information:* To participate in the listening sessions via Zoom, please follow the link or use the dial-in instructions below:

*Link:* <https://lsc.gov.zoom.us/j/4396412186>.

*Meeting ID:* 439 641 2186.

Find your local number: <https://lsc.gov.zoom.us/j/4396412186>.

*Background:* Consistent with Executive Orders 14058 and 13985, LSC reached out to the client-eligible community to seek their views on LSC's rulemaking priorities. LSC was particularly interested in their views on those rules that directly affect individuals who qualify for LSC-funded legal assistance. Community members asked LSC to expand upon parts 1621 and 1624. Part 1621 requires legal services programs that receive financial assistance from LSC to establish grievance procedures to process complaints by applicants regarding the denial of legal assistance and complaints by clients about the manner or quality of legal assistance provided. These procedures should, to the extent possible, result in the provision of an effective remedy in the resolution of complaints. The grievance procedures required by part 1621 cover complaints by individuals denied legal assistance and by clients dissatisfied by the manner or quality of legal assistance received. No part of LSC's current regulations provides a mechanism for governing body members to make complaints about board malfeasance and obtain resolution of those complaints.

Part 1624 requires LSC funded legal services programs to remove any impediments that may exist to the provision of legal assistance to persons with disabilities eligible for such assistance in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Currently, part 1624 explicitly applies only to applicants for legal assistance, clients, applicants for employment, and

grantee employees. Because many client-eligible members are persons with disabilities, the commenters felt expanding part 1624 to include governing body members was necessary to ensure that client-eligible individuals are afforded the same opportunities to be selected for and participate in grantee governing body activities as persons who do not have disabilities.

Through this Notice, LSC is asking grantees, clients, other stakeholders, and interested members of the public to provide LSC with their views on the following questions:

- What policies and procedures do your organizations currently have in place to address board member grievances? Describe the process.
- Has your organization had positive or negative experiences with utilizing these procedures in the past?
- What effect or impact would revising parts 1621 and 1624 to apply to grantee governing body members have on your organization? Unexpected outcomes?
- Based on previous experience, how often would your organization use regulations like part 1621 and part 1624?
- Is there anything else LSC can do to help resolve conflicts on your organization's board?

Interested parties may submit their comments in writing to LSC via email, fax, or postal mail. Additionally, LSC will hold four listening sessions during which interested parties may join a Zoom call with LSC staff to provide their comments orally. The dates and access information for those listening sessions are contained in the **DATES** section of this notice.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2996g(e).)

Dated: February 21, 2024.

**Stefanie Davis,**

*Deputy General Counsel, Legal Services Corporation.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 1

[WC Docket No. 17-84; Report No. 3210; FR ID 204483]

### Petition for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**SUMMARY:** Petition for Reconsideration of Action in a Rulemaking Proceeding in WC Docket No. 17-84, adopted by the

Commission on December 13, 2023, by Thomas B. Magee on behalf of Coalition of Concerned Utilities.

**DATES:** Oppositions to the Petition must be filed on or before March 15, 2024. Replies to oppositions to the Petition must be filed on or before March 25, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information on this proceeding, contact Michael Ray of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, at (202) 418-0357 or [Michael.Ray@fcc.gov](mailto:Michael.Ray@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's document, Report No. 3210, released February 16, 2024. The full text of the Petition can be accessed online via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System at: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. The Commission will not send a Congressional Review Act (CRA) submission to Congress or the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A), because no rules are being adopted by the Commission.

*Subject:* Administrative practice and procedure.

*Number of Petitions Filed:* 1.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 22-405; DA 24-154; FR ID 205024]

### Media Bureau Seeks Additional Comment on FM Digital Power

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, based on a Petition for Rulemaking Addendum—Request for Clarification filed by the National Association of Broadcasters and Xperi, Inc., the Commission seeks additional public comment in the pending rulemaking proposing to change the methodology to determine whether an FM digital broadcast station can increase its digital power, and to allow asymmetric sideband operation.

**DATES:** *Comment date:* April 1, 2024. *Reply comment date:* April 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** All filings must be submitted in MB Docket No. 22–405. Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated in the **DATES** section of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID–19. See FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy, Public Notice, DA 20–304 (March 19, 2020). <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

**People with Disabilities:** To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Albert Shuldiner, Chief, Media Bureau, Audio Division, (202) 418–2700; Thomas Nessinger, Senior Counsel, Media Bureau, Audio Division, (202) 418–2700. Press inquiries should be directed to Nancy Murphy, (202) 418–1043.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Media Bureau’s Public Notice in MB Docket No. 22–405; DA

24–154, released on February 21, 2024. The full text of this document is available electronically for public inspection via the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <https://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs> and the FCC’s website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-24-154A1.pdf>. Documents will be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat. Alternative formats are available for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), by sending an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or calling the Commission’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530.

**Synopsis**

1. The Commission initiated this proceeding on August 1, 2023, with the release of an Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on a proposal to change the methodology used by digital FM stations to determine whether they can increase FM digital power, and to allow asymmetric sideband operation. Modifying Rules for FM Terrestrial Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems, MB Docket No. 22–405, Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 23–61 (rel. Aug. 1, 2023) (NPRM). A **Federal Register** summary published on August 22, 2023, 88 FR 57033. The time period for filing comments and reply comments on the NPRM closed on October 6, 2023. Comment and Reply Comment Dates Set For FM Digital Power NPRM, Public Notice, DA 23–741 (MB rel. Aug. 22, 2023). Comments and reply comments were filed in ECFS under Media Bureau Docket No. 22–405.

2. On February 2, 2024, the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and Xperi Inc. (Xperi), two of the parties that filed Petitions for Rulemaking that led to release of the NPRM, filed with the Media Bureau (Bureau) a Petition for Rulemaking Addendum—Request for Clarification (Petition for Clarification), which is available in the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/10202290960928/1>. In the Petition for Clarification, NAB and Xperi state that they have “identified an important ambiguity that requires clarification regarding the maximum allowable operating power of a digital FM signal.” Petition for Clarification at 2. The NPRM and the Commission’s past discussions of digital power levels have considered only the power level for the digital FM carriers of the primary HD Radio MP1 hybrid service mode of operation. Id. In particular, the Commission has considered the total

integrated power level for all digital carriers used to transmit MP1 standard hybrid service. NAB and Xperi note, however, that the HD Radio system is not limited to the MP1 mode, and the Commission has authorized extended hybrid modes of operation, which increase the number of digital subcarriers. Petitioners assert that the optimal operation of the extended hybrid modes requires an increase in the total integrated power above that of the MP1 mode so that all the digital carriers individually operate at the intended power. Id. at 2–5. (The MP1 mode consists of 10 digital partitions, each with 19 subcarriers. Extended hybrid modes add partitions between the MP1 partitions and the analog signal: for example, the MP2 mode adds one partition to the MP1 partitions; the MP3 mode adds two partitions; and various other modes, such as MP11, MP5, MP6, MP1X, DSB1, MP1XOV, MP6OV, and DSB1OV, add four partitions. These additional partitions increase the total digital power by 10, 20 and 40%, respectively. Id. at 4–5.) Otherwise, individual carriers would have to operate with less than the intended power level to keep the total integrated power at the intended level. Petitioners therefore seek to clarify the maximum digital FM power levels permitted for hybrid and extended hybrid service modes, including adding clarifying text to the NPRM, and textual changes to the proposed new § 73.404(e) of the rules. Id. at 6–7.

3. In light of this requested clarification, and to provide a complete record on this issue, the Bureau encourages public comment on NAB and Xperi’s proposed clarifying language and changes to proposed § 73.404(e) of the rules. The Bureau notes that NAB and Xperi ask the Commission to incorporate a reference in the rules to the NRSC–5 standard, which is subject to modification, as an appropriate means to implement the proposed change. Because it is unusual for the Commission to incorporate outside standards into its rules, the Bureau states that commenters should offer alternative means to incorporate the proposed clarification directly into the Commission’s rules. The Bureau further seeks comment on whether the additional digital power necessitated by use of extended digital modes would increase potential interference to first adjacent channel analog FM stations, to the host analog station, or to other users of the FM broadcast spectrum or adjacent to that spectrum. The Bureau notes that the Petition for Clarification does not reference any technical studies

of the impact of extended hybrid modes with a total integrated digital power level more than  $-10$  dBc. Are such studies needed to determine whether or not to adopt this proposal? Commenters also should consider that if the Commission adopts this proposed change for stations operating with less than  $-10$  dBc, should the Commission limit the total overall digital power for any station operating in extended hybrid mode to a maximum of  $-10$  dBc? The Bureau notes that doing so

would require stations that convert from MP1 to an extended hybrid mode to reduce the power of the individual subcarriers in the primary digital sidebands, in order to accommodate the power added by the extended digital sideband partitions. The Bureau further invites commenters to suggest modifications to petitioners' clarifying suggestions, as appropriate. It also seeks comment regarding the number of stations operating in the various extended hybrid modes, including

whether those stations operate at a power level with more than  $-14$  dBc, in order to determine the scope of this issue. Finally, the Bureau also offers an opportunity to commenters who wish to supplement or amend their previous comments in light of more recent additions to the record.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Thomas Horan,**

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