

## **Bid Farewell to the FCC's Main Studio Rule for Public Broadcasters – What Does This Mean for You?**

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On October 3, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission released a draft Order to eliminate the Main Studio Rule and announced that the Commissioners will vote on the draft at the next Open Commission Meeting on October 24, 2017.

If the Commission adopts the Order, as expected, it would bring an end to a 78-year old rule requiring radio and television stations to (1) maintain a main studio within or near their communities of license and (2) have at least two full-time employees – one management and one staff – present at the studio during normal business hours.

The most significant consequence of the repeal for public broadcasters is that stations will be able to realize efficiencies by collocating operations and offices of stations without obtaining a waiver from the FCC.

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