

Section 76.1710 of the FCC Rules and Regulations Operator Interests In Video Programming was eliminated from the public files effective as of November 18, 2020

Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Commission Rule Requiring)	MB Docket No. 20-35
Records of Cable Operator Interests in Video)	
Programming)	
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Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative)	MB Docket No. 17-105

REPORT AND ORDER

Adopted: September 29, 2020 Released: September 30, 2020

By the Commission: Commissioners Rosenworcel and Starks concurring and issuing separate statements.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In this Report and Order (Order), we eliminate section 76.1710 of our rules, which requires cable operators to maintain records in their online public inspection files regarding the nature and extent of their attributable interests in video programming services. The current rule also requires that the online public inspection files maintained by cable operators contain information regarding the operators' carriage of such vertically integrated video programming services on cable systems in which they have an attributable interest. Based upon comments received in response to the *NPRM*, we find that the recordkeeping obligations set forth in section 76.1710 are outdated and unnecessary. Therefore, we eliminate this regulation and revise our rules to omit existing cross-references. By adopting our proposal to repeal this rule, we remove a regulatory burden on cable operators that no longer serves the public interest. Additionally, through this Order, we continue our efforts to modernize the Commission's media regulations.