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## **Vermont PBS and VPR Receive IRS and FCC Regulatory Approval, Clearing the Way for Planned Merger in July**

**Winooski and Colchester, Vt. (Dec. 10, 2020)**— This week, Vermont PBS and VPR received the regulatory approvals needed to proceed with the intended [merger announced in September](#). The FCC has granted permission for the license transfer, and the IRS has granted tax-exempt status, clearing the way for the new organization to launch in July.

“We are coming together to strengthen local media and better serve our community,” said Scott Finn, VPR’s CEO, who will serve as CEO of the integrated organization. “This regulatory approval is an important milestone, which allows us to roll up our sleeves and get to work.”

Vermont PBS and VPR will continue to operate independently until July. Over the next several months, they will focus on organizational design and systems integration to stand up the new organization.

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### **About VPR**

Vermont Public Radio (VPR) is Vermont’s only statewide public radio network. A listener-supported, nonprofit organization since 1977, VPR provides an essential and trusted independent voice for news, information, music and cultural exploration. It operates a 27-station radio network serving all of Vermont, parts of surrounding states and Quebec, Canada. Reaching more than 200,000 listeners each week, VPR and its two programming services—VPR News and VPR Classical—produce programming for radio, digital and live audiences. A complete list of stations, programs and services can be found at [VPR.org](http://VPR.org).

### **About Vermont PBS**

Vermont PBS connects neighbors through stories that change lives. As Vermont’s only statewide independent TV station, Vermont PBS is a powerful catalyst that informs, educates and inspires. When you support Vermont PBS, you help all Vermonters learn, grow, and contribute to our great state and the world. Learn more at [vermontpbs.org](http://vermontpbs.org). Join us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).