

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

In the Matter of)
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Definition of Radio Markets)
) MM Docket No. 00-244
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Order Extending Time

Adopted: January 10, 2001

Released: January 10, 2001

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau

1. Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, the National Association Of Broadcasters, The North Carolina Association Of Broadcasters, and the Virginia Association of Broadcasters Company (collectively "Movants") have jointly moved for a 60-day extension of the dates for filing comments and replies in the above-captioned proceeding, currently set at January 26, 2001, and February 12, 2001, respectively. Movants maintain that an extension of time is necessary to allow them to comment on, and conduct studies on, the practical implications of the Commission's proposals for defining radio markets and counting stations, and to evaluate the use of Arbitron market definitions. In addition, they note that NAB will hold its annual Board of Directors meeting on January 13-17, 2001, during which it will discuss the Commission's proposals and determine its position. Movants maintain that an extension is necessary to allow adequate time for NAB staff to prepare comments in this proceeding consistent with the Board's decision.

2. For the reasons stated, we hereby grant in part Movants' motion for an extension of time in which to file comments and reply comments in this proceeding. However, we believe that a 30-day extension of the comment period, with replies to be filed 15 days after the new comment date, will allow Movants sufficient time to prepare their comments.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the Joint Motion for Extension of Time filed in MM Docket No. 00-244 by the National Association of Broadcasters, the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters, and the Virginia Association of Broadcasters IS GRANTED to the extent provided herein and otherwise IS DENIED IN PART. The time for filing comments in the above-captioned proceeding IS EXTENDED to February 26, 2001, and reply comments, March 13, 2001.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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