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**MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES
COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES
FOR THE FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING
EXCLUSIVE SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR PROVISION OF VIDEO SERVICES IN
MULTIPLE DWELLING UNITS AND OTHER REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS**

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Comment Date: February 6, 2008

Reply Comment Date: March 7, 2008

On November 13, 2007, the Commission released a *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“*FNPRM*”) concerning exclusive service contracts for the provision of video services in multiple dwelling units (“MDUs”) and other centrally managed residential real estate developments. The *FNPRM* raised issues concerning exclusivity clauses in service contracts executed by providers of Direct Broadcast Satellite service, Private Cable Operators, and other multichannel video programming distributors that are not subject to Section 628 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.¹ The *FNPRM* also asked about so-called marketing exclusivity provisions and “bulk billing” arrangements in MDUs.² The *FNPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication in the *Federal Register*.³

On January 7, 2008, the *FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register.⁴ Accordingly, comments must be filed on or before February 6, 2008, and reply comments must be filed on or before March 7, 2008. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraphs 67 through 69 of the *FNPRM*.⁵ The *FNPRM* is also available on the Commission’s website.⁶

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¹ 47 U.S.C. § 548.

² See *Exclusive Service Contracts for Provision of Video Services in Multiple Dwelling Units and Other Real Estate Developments, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, MB Docket No. 07-51, FCC No. 07-189 at ¶¶ 61-66 (rel. Nov. 13, 2007).

³ *Id.* at 1.

⁴ 73 FR 1195-01, 2008 WL 55953 (Jan. 7, 2008).

⁵ See *FNPRM* at ¶¶ 67-69.

⁶ See http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-07-189A1.pdf.

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