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MEDIA BUREAU EXTENDS THE BIENNIAL FILING DEADLINE FOR THE COMMERCIAL BROADCAST OWNERSHIP REPORT (FORM 323)

MB Docket No. 07-294, et al.

Filing Deadline: January 11, 2010

On October 30, 2009, the Media Bureau announced that OMB had approved the proposed revisions to Form 323 adopted as a result of the *323 Order* and the Commission's reconsideration of that *Order*.¹ In addition, the Bureau set a biennial filing deadline of December 15, 2009. The Bureau also indicated that the form would be available on CDBS on or about November 16, 2009.

On its own motion, the Bureau extends the Form 323 filing deadline until January 11, 2010. The Bureau is in the process of conducting final testing of the form and has delayed the release of the electronic version until the testing is complete. To ease the transition to use of the revised form, the Bureau seeks to ensure sufficient time to complete the revised form once it is released for use. Therefore, in order to give filers adequate time to prepare and file the report, we are extending the filing deadline until **January 11, 2010**. We encourage filers to file the form any time between the date of the release of the form and January 11, 2010.²

As soon as the electronic version of the form is available for filing, we will release a Public Notice to that effect and will provide the same information on the Bureau's Form 323 webpage, available at http://www.fcc.gov/form323. We encourage the public to continue to submit questions regarding the form and filing procedures to Form323@fcc.gov. The Bureau continually is updating the Frequently Asked Questions page, which provides answers to many of the questions that have been submitted to date.

Press inquiries should be directed to Janice Wise, (202) 418-8165.

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¹ Public Notice, Media Bureau Announces 2009 Biennial Filing Deadline For Commercial Broadcast Ownership Report (Form 323), DA 09-2275 (rel. Oct. 30, 2009). *See also* Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket No. 07-294, 24 FCC Rcd 5896 (2009), *recon. granted in part*, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 09-92 (rel. Oct. 16, 2009).

² We are aware that several filers have recently filed the unrevised and outdated version of Form 323 in an attempt to satisfy the 2009 biennial filing deadline. This version of the form is not acceptable for purposes of satisfying that filing requirement, and, accordingly, those filers must refile Form 323 using the revised form once it is released for use.