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**INTERNATIONAL BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES
FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP POLICIES
FOR COMMON CARRIER AND CERTAIN AERONAUTICAL RADIO LICENSEES**

IB Docket No. 11-133

Comments Due: December 5, 2011

Reply Comments Due: January 4, 2012

On August 9, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that initiates a review of the Commission's policies and procedures that apply to foreign ownership of common carrier radio station licensees and of aeronautical en route and aeronautical fixed radio station licensees under section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.¹ In the NPRM, the Commission sought comment on measures to revise and simplify its regulatory framework under section 310(b)(4) for authorizing foreign ownership of common carrier and certain aeronautical radio licensees. The Commission also proposed to codify whatever measures it ultimately adopts in the proceeding to provide more predictability and ensure transparency of the section 310(b)(4) filing requirements and review process. The NPRM set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 45 and 75 days after publication in the Federal Register.

On October 21, 2011, the Federal Register published a summary of the NPRM.² Accordingly, comments must be filed on or before December 5, 2011; and reply comments must be filed on or before January 4, 2012. The NPRM sets forth the comment filing instructions.

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Howard Griboff or Susan O'Connell, Policy Division, International Bureau, (202) 418-1460.

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¹ *In the Matter of Review of Foreign Ownership Policies for Common Carrier and Aeronautical Radio Licensees under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended*, IB Docket No. 11-133, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-121, 26 FCC Rcd 11703 (2011). The NPRM is publicly available at http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0809/FCC-11-121A1.pdf.

² See 76 Fed. Reg. 65472 (Oct. 21, 2011).