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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING IN THE BASIC SERVICE TIER ENCRYPTION PROCEEDING

Comment Date: November 28, 2011 Reply Comment Date: December 12, 2011

On October 13, 2011, the Commission adopted a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the *Basic Service Tier Encryption: Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment* proceeding. ¹ In the *NPRM*, the Commission requests comment on whether to retain the basic service tier encryption prohibition for all-digital cable systems if the cable operator complies with consumer protection measures for a limited period of time to minimize subscriber disruption. ² The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register. On October 27, 2011, a summary of the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register. ³ Accordingly, comments and reply comments must be filed on or before November 28, 2011 and December 12, 2011, respectively. Commenters should follow the filing instructions in the *NPRM* beginning at paragraph 19. The *NPRM* is available at: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs/public/attachmatch/FCC-11-153A1.doc.

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¹ Basic Service Tier Encryption: Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment, FCC 11-153 (rel. Oct. 14, 2011) ("NPRM").

 $^{^{2}}$ *Id.* at ¶¶ 8-14.

³ 76 Fed. Reg. 66666 (2011).