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**MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DEADLINES
FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING ACCESSIBLE
EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND APPARATUS REQUIREMENTS FOR
EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND VIDEO DESCRIPTION**

MB DOCKET NO. 12-107

NPRM Comment Deadline: December 18, 2012
NPRM Reply Comment Deadline: December 28, 2012

On November 19, 2012, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Matter of *Accessible Emergency Information, and Apparatus Requirements for Emergency Information and Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010* (the “NPRM”).¹ In the *NPRM*, the Commission seeks comment on proposals to implement certain provisions of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (“CVAA”) to make televised emergency information more accessible to individuals who are blind or visually impaired and to ensure that television apparatus are able to make available video description and accessible emergency information. The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 20 and 30 days, respectively, after publication of the *NPRM* in the *Federal Register*.²

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *NPRM* was published in the *Federal Register* today, November 28, 2012.³ Comments must be submitted no later than December 18, 2012. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than December 28, 2012. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 41 of the *NPRM*.⁴ The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission’s website.⁵

¹ See *Accessible Emergency Information, and Apparatus Requirements for Emergency Information and Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010*, MB Docket No. 12-107, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-142 (rel. Nov. 19, 2012).

² See *NPRM* at 1.

³ See *Accessible Emergency Information, and Apparatus Requirements for Emergency Information and Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010*, 77 Fed. Reg. 70970 (Nov. 28, 2012).

⁴ See *NPRM* at 23-24, ¶ 41.

⁵ See http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-12-142A1.doc (Word), http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db1119/FCC-12-142A1.pdf (Acrobat).

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