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## **MEDIA BUREAU ESTABLISHES SCHEDULE FOR *EX PARTE* MEETINGS REGARDING ACCESSIBLE EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND APPARATUS REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND VIDEO DESCRIPTION**

### **MB DOCKET NO. 12-107**

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*”).<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to certain provisions of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (“*CVAA*”), the Commission seeks comment in the *NPRM* on proposals 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. Comments are due on December 18, 2012, and reply comments are due on January 7, 2013.<sup>2</sup> Specific filing instructions are detailed in the *NPRM*.<sup>3</sup>

As described in the *NPRM*, this matter shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.<sup>4</sup> Given the April 9, 2013 statutory deadline for completing the emergency information proceeding, we have determined it would be more efficient for Commission staff to set aside a few days for *ex parte* meetings. Staff from the Media Bureau’s Policy Division, as well as staff from the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, will be available for meetings with interested parties to discuss issues raised in comments and reply comments on January 14, 16 and 17, 2013. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. To schedule meetings pursuant to this Notice, please contact Diana Sokolow, [Diana.Sokolow@fcc.gov](mailto:Diana.Sokolow@fcc.gov), or Maria Mullarkey, [Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov](mailto:Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov), of the Media Bureau, Policy Division, (202) 418-2120.

<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> 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); *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, Order, DA 12-1985 (rel. Dec. 7, 2012) (extending the reply comment period).

<sup>3</sup> *NPRM* at 23-24, ¶ 41.

<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*; *NPRM* at 23, ¶ 40.

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