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## MEDIA BUREAU ACTION

### **MEDIA BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR RULEMAKING REQUESTING THAT THE COMMISSION AMEND THE OVER-THE-AIR RECEPTION DEVICES RULE TO CLARIFY THE EXTENT TO WHICH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN REGULATE NON-EXCLUSIVE USE AREAS**

**MB DOCKET No. 12-121**

**Comments due: June 7, 2012**

**Reply Comments due: June 22, 2012**

The Satellite Broadcasting & Communications Association (“Petitioner”) has filed a Petition for Rulemaking seeking to amend the exclusive use provision of the Over-The-Air-Reception-Devices (“OTARD”) Rule (“the Rule”)<sup>1</sup> to apply only to restrictions on reception devices imposed by property owners or homeowners’ associations, and not to restrictions imposed by state or local governments.<sup>2</sup> The Petition states that “[t]he Commission adopted its ‘exclusive use’ interpretation of the OTARD statute in deference to private regulation of private property interests,” and argues that “[i]f extended to state and local government regulation, however, the very language that preserves a property owner’s prerogatives with respect to common areas he controls would also subject those prerogatives to divestiture at the hands of state and local governmental authorities.”<sup>3</sup> This Public Notice announces the pleading cycle for this Petition, during which comments and reply comments may be filed.

This proceeding will be treated as “permit but disclose” for purposes of the Commission’s *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. As a result of the permit-but-disclose status of this proceeding, *ex parte* presentations will be governed by the procedures set forth in Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules applicable to non-restricted proceedings.<sup>4</sup> Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.4000.

<sup>2</sup> Petition at 1-2.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 11.

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). Written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Parties may file responses to the Petition on or before **June 7, 2012** and replies on or before **June 22, 2012**. Please place the case identifier, **MB Docket No. 12-121**, on all filings. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.
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Copies of the Petition and any subsequently filed documents in this matter are also available for inspection in the Commission's Reference Information Center:

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