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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU REMINDS EMERGENCY ALERT
SYSTEM PARTICIPANTS THAT THEY MUST BE ABLE TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS
COMMON ALERTING PROTOCOL-FORMATTED EAS ALERTS BY JUNE 30, 2012**

EB Docket No. 04-296

The Federal Communication Commission's (Commission) Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau reminds Emergency Alert System (EAS) Participants that "[o]n or before June 30, 2012, EAS Participants must have deployed operational equipment that is capable"¹ of receiving and processing Common Alerting Protocol (CAP)-formatted EAS alerts in a manner consistent with the Commission's EAS rules² as amended by the *Fifth Report and Order* in the above-referenced docket.³ This means any necessary equipment must be installed and operational by that date.

For further information regarding this requirement, please contact Tom Beers, Chief, Policy Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-0952; or Gregory Cooke, Associate Chief, Policy Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-2351.

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¹ 47 C.F.R. § 11.56 (a).

² 47 C.F.R. Part 11.

³ See Review of the Emergency Alert System; Independent Spanish Broadcasters Association, the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc., and the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, Petition for Immediate Relief; Randy Gehman Petition for Rulemaking, EB Docket 04-296, *Fifth Report and Order*, 27 FCC Rcd 642 (2012) (*Fifth Report and Order*), *reconsideration granted in part*, Review of the Emergency Alert System; Independent Spanish Broadcasters Association, the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc., and the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, Petition for Immediate Relief; Randy Gehman Petition for Rulemaking, EB Docket 04-296, *Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 12-41 (rel. Apr. 19, 2012). The Commission originally adopted the June 30, 2012 deadline for CAP compliance on September 15, 2011. See Review of the Emergency Alert System; Independent Spanish Broadcasters Association, The Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc., and the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, Petition for Immediate Relief, ET Docket No. 04-296, *Fourth Report and Order*, 26 FCC Rcd 13710 (2011).