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Notice of Effective Date of New Emergency Information Rules and Emergency Information/Video Description Apparatus Rules and Announcement of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines for Related *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*

MB Docket Nos. 12-107, 11-43

FNPRM Comment Deadline: July 23, 2013
FNPRM Reply Comment Deadline: August 22, 2013

On April 9, 2013, the Commission released the *Emergency Information/Video Description Order*, which adopted rules requiring that emergency information provided in video programming be made accessible to individuals who are blind or visually impaired and that certain apparatus be capable of delivering video description and emergency information to those individuals.¹ Those rules become effective 30 days after publication of the order in the Federal Register, except for the rules that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”).² The Federal Register published a summary of the final rules adopted in the *Emergency Information/Video Description Order* on May 24, 2013.³

Accordingly, the rules adopted in the *Emergency Information/Video Description Order* will take effect on June 24, 2013, except for the rules that require OMB approval. The information collection requirements contained in the rules that require OMB approval are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law No. 104-13. The information collection will be submitted to OMB for review under 47 U.S.C. § 3507(d), and will not take effect until it is approved by OMB.

¹ *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; Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 28 FCC Red 4871 (2013) (“*Emergency Information/Video Description Order*”).

² See *id.* at 4932, ¶ 97. The rules that require OMB approval are Sections 79.105(a), 79.105(b)(3), and 79.105(b)(4), and revised Section 79.2(c), which will become effective upon announcement in the Federal Register of OMB approval. We will issue a subsequent public notice announcing the effective date of those rules.

³ Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 79, 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, Final Rule, 78 FR 31770 (May 24, 2013).

In the *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“*FNPRM*”) adopted with the order, the Commission seeks comment on additional issues related to implementation of the emergency information requirements and the video description and emergency information apparatus requirements of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (“*CVAA*”). The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 60 and 90 days, respectively, after publication of the *FNPRM* in the Federal Register.⁴ The summary of the *FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register on May 24, 2013.⁵ Thus, comments must be submitted no later than July 23, 2013. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than August 22, 2013. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 93 of the *FNPRM*.⁶ The *FNPRM* is also available on the Commission’s website.⁷

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⁴ See *Emergency Information/Video Description Order* at 4871.

⁵ Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 79, 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, Proposed Rule, 78 FR 31800 (May 24, 2013).

⁶ See *Emergency Information/Video Description Order* at 4931, ¶ 93.

⁷ See http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-45A1.docx (Word), http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-45A1_Rcd.pdf (Acrobat).