

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Promoting Diversification in the)	MB Docket No. 07-294
Broadcasting Services)	

ORDER

Adopted: August 6, 2013

Released: August 6, 2013

By the Chief, Media Bureau:

1. On April 8, 2009, the Commission adopted the *323 Order* in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ In the *323 Order*, the Commission enlarged the class of broadcast licensees required to file FCC Form 323 biennially, and replaced the previous system of rolling filing deadlines tied to a station's renewal anniversary with a uniform filing date. Pursuant to that order, all commercial full-power AM, FM, TV, and LPTV stations, including Class A stations, as well as entities with attributable interests in those stations, were first required to file a revised FCC Form 323 on or before November 1, 2009, with information current as of October 1, 2009, and to file biennially thereafter.²

2. The Bureau extended the 2009 filing deadline until July 8, 2010 due to delays in the availability of the revised Form.³ For the 2011 biennial filing period, the Bureau extended the filing deadline by 30 days to ensure adequate time to file the form.⁴

3. Pursuant to the Commission's rules, all full-power AM, FM, TV, LPTV, and Class A stations, and entities with attributable interests currently are required to file the next biennial ownership report on FCC Form 323, no later than November 1, 2013, using information current as of October 1, 2013 (the "as of" date).

4. On its own motion, the Media Bureau hereby extends the November 1, 2013 filing deadline until **December 2, 2013**. The filing should still include information current as of October 1, 2013. For the 2013 biennial filing, the Bureau is providing filers with an additional 30 days between the "as of" date and the filing deadline to ensure adequate time to prepare the form. In particular, we are aware that some licensees and parent entities of multiple stations may be required to file numerous forms and the extra time is intended to permit adequate time to prepare such filings. We believe it is in the public interest to provide additional time to ensure that all filers provide the Commission with accurate and reliable data on which the Commission may rely for research and other purposes.

¹ *Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, MB Docket No. 07-294, 24 FCC Rcd 5896 (2009), recon. granted in part, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 24 FCC Rcd 13040 (2009).

² 47 C.F.R. § 73.3615(a).

³ *Media Bureau Announces Revised Form 323 will be Available Online on April 9, 2010, and Sets New Filing Deadline of July 8, 2010*, MB Doc. No. 07-294, Public Notice, 25 FCC Rcd 3595 (MB, 2010).

⁴ *Promoting Diversification in the Broadcasting Servs.*, MB Dkt. No. 07-294, Order, DA No. 11-1445 (MB, rel. Aug. 23, 2011).

5. We stress that filers are encouraged to submit ownership reports as early as possible and to complete their Form 323 filings well in advance of the extended deadline whenever possible. This extension applies only to the 2013 biennial filing requirement.

6. Filers seeking additional advice on how to complete the form should consult the information contained in the form instructions (available on CDBS and on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>) and should review the information on the Bureau's Form 323 website, <http://www.fcc.gov/form323>. Filers are encouraged to review the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) and the list of "The Most Common Form 323 Filing Errors" posted on the Form 323 website, and to check for additional updates to the filing advice posted on the page. For additional advice on completing Form 323, please contact the Bureau via e-mail at Form323@fcc.gov.

7. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, that pursuant to authority under Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154 and 303(r) and pursuant to authority delegated to the Media Bureau pursuant to Sections 0.204 and 0.283 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.204, 0.283, the filing deadline as described above IS EXTENDED, *sua sponte*.

8. For further information, please contact Jessica Campbell, Industry Analysis Division at 202-418-2330.

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