



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **Notice of Effective Date of New Accessible User Interfaces Rules and Announcement of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines for Related *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking***

**MB Docket Nos. 12-108, 12-107**

**FNPRM Comment Deadline: February 18, 2014**  
**FNPRM Reply Comment Deadline: March 20, 2014**

On October 31, 2013, the Commission released the *User Interfaces Order*, which adopted rules requiring the accessibility of user interfaces on digital apparatus and navigation devices used to view video programming to enable individuals with disabilities to more easily access such programming.<sup>1</sup> 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”).<sup>2</sup> The Federal Register published a summary of the final rules adopted in the *User Interfaces Order* on December 20, 2013.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, the rules adopted in the *User Interfaces Order* will take effect on January 21, 2014, 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.

In the *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“FNPRM”) adopted with the order, the Commission seeks comment on additional issues related to implementation of the accessible user interfaces requirements in Sections 204 and 205 of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (“CVAA”) and the emergency information apparatus requirements in Section 203 of the CVAA. The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 60 and 90

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<sup>1</sup>*Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus; 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 Nos. 12-108, 12-107, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 13-138 (rel. Oct. 31, 2013) (“*User Interfaces Order*”).

<sup>2</sup> *See id.* at 94, ¶ 163. The rules that require OMB approval are Sections 79.107(c), 79.108(a)(5), 79.108(c)-(e), and 79.110, 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.

<sup>3</sup> Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 79, Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus, Final Rule, 78 FR 77210 (Dec. 20, 2013).

days, respectively, after publication of the *FNPRM* in the Federal Register.<sup>4</sup> The summary of the *FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register on December 20, 2013.<sup>5</sup> Thus, comments must be submitted no later than February 18, 2014. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than March 20, 2014. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 159 of the *FNPRM*.<sup>6</sup> The *FNPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> See *User Interfaces Order* at 1.

<sup>5</sup> Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 79, Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus; 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 77074 (Dec. 20, 2013).

<sup>6</sup> See *User Interfaces Order* at 93, ¶ 159.

<sup>7</sup> See [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-138A1.docx](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-138A1.docx) (Word), [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-138A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-138A1.pdf) (Acrobat).