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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DEADLINES FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKINGS REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF BROADCAST STATION OWNERSHIP DATA

MB DOCKET NO. 07-294

Comment Deadline: February 14, 2013

Reply Deadline: March 1, 2013

On January 3, 2013, the Commission released the *Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, which seeks comment on the requirement that licensees and other entities filing the FCC Form 323, Ownership Report for Commercial Broadcast Station provide an FCC Registration Number (FRN) generated by the Commission's Registration System (CORES).¹ The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication in the *Federal Register*.² At this time, the Commission is also accepting comments relating to the *Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, which seeks comment on whether to expand the biennial ownership reporting requirement to include interests, entities and individuals that are not attributable because of (a) the single majority shareholder exemption and (b) the exemption for interests held in eligible entities pursuant to the higher EDP threshold.³ The comment cycles for the 5th and 6th FNPRMs will run concurrently and the Commission encourages parties to combine their comments in the event the comments address issues raised in both *Notices*.⁴

¹ See *Promoting Diversification of Ownership in the Broadcasting Services*, MB Docket No. 07-294, 6th Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-166 (rel. Jan. 3, 2013) (6th FNPRM).

² See 6th FNPRM at 1.

³ See *Promoting Diversification of Ownership in the Broadcasting Services*, Memorandum Opinion & Order and Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket No. 07-294, 24 FCC Rcd 13040, 13047 ¶ 16 (5th FNPRM).

⁴ See 6th FNPRM at n.83.

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the 5th and 6th *FNPRMs* were published in the *Federal Register* on January 15, 2013.⁵ Comments must be submitted no later than February 14, 2013. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than March 1, 2013. Comments should follow the filing instructions provided in 5th and 6th *FNPRMs*. The *FNPRMs* are available on the Commission's website.⁶

For additional information on this proceeding, contact Judith Herman, of the Media Bureau, Industry Analysis Division, at 202-418-2330.

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⁵ See *Promoting Diversification of Ownership in the Broadcasting Services*, 78 Fed. Reg. 2925 (January 15, 2013) (6th *FNPRM*); *Promoting Diversification of Ownership in the Broadcasting Services*, 78 Fed. Reg. 2934 (January 15, 2013) (5th *FNPRM*).

⁶ See http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-09-92A1.doc (5th *FNPRM*), <http://www.fcc.gov/document/improving-form-323-data-collection-processes> (6th *FNPRM*).