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## Comment Deadlines Set for *Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* on Extending the High Definition Carriage Exemption

CS Docket No. 98-120

**Comment Deadline: April 16, 2015**  
**Reply Comment Deadline: April 27, 2015**

On March 12, 2015, the Commission released a *Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the above captioned proceeding that seeks comment on, among other things, whether to extend for an additional three years the exemption from the requirement to carry high definition broadcast signals under the “material degradation” provisions of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>1</sup> that it granted to certain small cable systems in 2012.<sup>2</sup> That exemption is slated to expire on June 12, 2015 absent action by the Commission.

The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 20 and 30 days, respectively, after publication of the *Fifth Further Notice* in the Federal Register.<sup>3</sup> A summary of the *Fifth Further Notice* was published in the Federal Register on March 27, 2015.<sup>4</sup> Thus, comments must be submitted no later than April 16, 2015. Reply comments must be submitted no later than April 27, 2015. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 19 of the *Fifth Further Notice*.<sup>5</sup> The *Fifth Further Notice* is also available on the Commission’s website.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. §§ 534(b)(4)(A), 535(g)(2) (material degradation requirements relating to signals of local commercial and noncommercial television stations, respectively).

<sup>2</sup> See *Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals: Amendment to Part 76 of the Commission’s Rules*, CS Docket No. 98-120, Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 15-29 (rel. Mar. 12, 2015) (“*Fifth Further Notice*”).

<sup>3</sup> See *Fifth Further Notice* at 1.

<sup>4</sup> See <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/03/27/2015-06943/carriage-of-digital-television-broadcast-signals>.

<sup>5</sup> See *Fifth Further Notice* at ¶ 19.

<sup>6</sup> See [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-29A1.docx](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-29A1.docx).

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