

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

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Parts 73 and 74 of the)	MB Docket No. 03-185
Commission's Rules to Establish Rules for Digital)	
Low Power Television and Television Translator)	
Stations)	
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Expanding the Economic and Innovation)	GN Docket No. 12-268
Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive)	
Auctions)	
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Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules)	ET Docket No. 14-175
to Eliminate the Analog Tuner Requirement)	

ORDER

Adopted: January 21, 2015

Released: January 21, 2015

Extended Reply Comment Filing Deadline: February 2, 2015

By the Chief, Media Bureau:

1. On January 21, 2015, the LPTV Spectrum Rights Coalition (LSRC) filed a "Request for Extension of Time to Submit Reply Comments for the 3rd LPTV NPRM" requesting that the Commission extend by one week the reply comment deadline in the above-captioned proceeding. For the reasons set forth below, we grant LSRC's Request and extend the reply comment deadline in this proceeding to February 2, 2015.

2. On October 10, 2014, the Commission released a *Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in this proceeding seeking comment on measures to facilitate the final conversion of low power television (LPTV) and TV translator stations to digital service and considering a variety of means to mitigate the potential impact of the incentive auction and the repacking process on these stations.¹ Because the comment deadlines were to occur after a major holiday, the Media Bureau extended the comment deadline to January 12, 2015, and reply comment deadline to January 26, 2015.² Over 60 parties filed

¹ See *Amendment of Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Rules for Digital Low Power Television, Television Translator, and Television Booster Stations*, MB Docket No. 03-185, Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 12536 (2014) (*Third Notice*). On November 28, 2014, a summary was published in the Federal Register that specified a deadline of December 29, 2014 for filing comments on the *Third Notice* and a January 12, 2015 deadline for filing reply comments. See 79 Fed Reg. 70824 (11/28/14). The original deadline for filing comments, December 28, 2014, fell on a Sunday and, therefore, comments were originally due on December 29, 2014. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.4.

² See *Amendment of Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Rules for Digital Low Power Television, Television Translator, and Television Booster Stations*, MB Docket No. 03-185, Order, DA 14-1727 (MB, rel. Dec. 1, 2014). The Media Bureau later denied a "Motion to Toll the Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines in the Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" filed by Free Access & Broadcast Telemedia, LLC (Free Access) seeking a delay in the comment and reply comment deadlines based on different grounds. See *Amendment of Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Rules for Digital Low Power Television, Television Translator, and Television Booster Stations*, MB Docket No. 03-185, Order, DA 15-31 (MB, rel. Jan. 8, 2015). The
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initial comments in this proceeding.

3. LSRC requests that the reply comment deadline be extended by one week, asserting that “over a dozen major topics of key importance to the LPTV industry and more than 50 key questions” have been raised in this proceeding.³ LSRC notes that this has resulted “in more than 500-pages of submitted Comments from over 60 diverse entities” and that “most of the potential entities wanting to provide Reply Comments, are small entities, which need time to understand the ramifications of the Comments and prepare responses.”⁴ LSRC concludes that, under the circumstances, the LPTV industry needs additional time in order “to fully understand and respond to the 3rd NPRM.”⁵

4. Although it is the general policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely given,⁶ we find it in the public interest to provide a one-week extension of the reply comment deadline. As noted by LSRC, such a short extension will help to give interested parties sufficient opportunity to review the comments filed in this proceeding and respond to the variety of issues raised therein.

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and Sections 0.51, 0.283, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.51, 0.283, and 1.46, that the time for filing reply comments is extended to February 2, 2015.

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Bureau found that “Free Access has not adequately demonstrated a nexus between the LPTV proceeding and the requested data to warrant any further delay in this proceeding.” *Id.* at para. 7.

³ LSRC Request at 1.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a). In addition, although LSRC’s Request was filed less than 7 days before the January 26, 2015 reply comment deadline in this proceeding, we believe the public interest will be served by allowing its late-filed Request. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(b).