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Media Bureau Announces Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry in Revitalization of the AM Radio Service Published in Federal Register Today

Comment Date: March 21, 2016 Reply Comment Date: April 18, 2016

On October 21, 2015, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry in the *Matter of Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*. The *AM Revitalization FNPRM* was released October 23, 2015. The Commission sought comment on a number of proposals designed to facilitate improvements to AM radio facilities, or to reduce burdens on AM broadcasters. The *AM Revitalization FNPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 60 and 90 days, respectively, after publication of the *AM Revitalization FNPRM* in the Federal Register.<sup>2</sup>

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *AM Revitalization FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register on January 19, 2016.<sup>3</sup> Comments must be submitted no later than Monday, March 21, 2016. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than Monday, April 18, 2016. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraphs 94 to 98 of the *AM Revitalization FNPRM*. The *AM Revitalization FNPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> MB Docket No. 13-249, First Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, and Notice of Inquiry, 30 FCC Rcd 12145 (2015) (*AM Revitalization FNPRM*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See AM Revitalization FNPRM, supra note 1, at 12145, 12182.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Revitalization of the AM Radio Service, 81 Fed. Reg. 2751 and 2818 (Jan. 19, 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> AM Revitalization FNPRM, 30 FCC Rcd at 12182, paras. 94-98.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-142A1.doc.