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**MEDIA BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON TOP-FOUR SHOWING IN, AND EXTENDS
PETITION TO DENY DATE FOR, APPLICATION TO ASSIGN STATIONS FROM RED
RIVER BROADCAST CO., LLC, TO GRAY TELEVISION LICENSEE, LLC**

Petition to Deny Date: July 9, 2018

On May 17, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) accepted for filing an application (Application) seeking consent to the assignment of the licenses of stations KDLT-TV, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and authorized satellite KDLV-TV, Mitchell, South Dakota, from Red River Broadcast Co., LLC, to Gray Television Licensee, LLC. (Gray).¹ Gray currently owns and operates KSFY-TV, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. According to Gray, both KSFY-TV and KDLT-TV are historically ranked among the top-four rated stations (second and third, respectively) in the Sioux Falls (Mitchell) Nielsen Designated Market Area. Consistent with the Commission's action last year,² Gray seeks a case-by-case examination of this proposed combination, which would otherwise be prohibited by the Commission's rules.³ To that end, Gray has submitted a showing to support its position that the public interest benefits of the combination would outweigh any harms and that, operated together, the stations would enhance competition in a local market characterized by massive concentration of market share in a single station and fragmented, undersized competitors.⁴ By this Public Notice, we specifically seek comment on Gray's top-four showing and extend the date by which petitions to deny the Application must be filed to July 9, 2018.⁵

GENERAL INFORMATION

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¹ File No. BALCDT-20180516AAY.

² See 2014 Quadrennial Regulatory Review — Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Order on Reconsideration and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 32 FCC Rcd 9802, 9836 – 9839, paras. 78-82 (2017).

³ 47 CFR § 73.3555(b)(1)(i).

⁴ Application, Exhibit 18.

⁵ 47 CFR § 73.3584(a). The Application appeared on public notice on May 21, 2018 (Report No. 29240); thus, petitions to deny the Application originally must have been filed by June 20, 2018.

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In addition, one copy of each submission must be sent to the following:

- David Brown, Video Division, Media Bureau, Room 2-A662, e-mail David.Brown@fcc.gov
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The applications are also available electronically through the Commission's Consolidated Database System (CDBS), which may be accessed on the Commission's Internet website at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

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