

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

In the Matter of)
)
Amendment of Part 74 of the Commission’s Rules) MB Docket No. 18-119
Regarding FM Translator Interference)

ORDER

Adopted: June 27, 2018

Released: June 27, 2018

Revised Comment Date: August 6, 2018
Revised Reply Comment Date: September 5, 2018

By the Chief, Media Bureau:

1. On May 10, 2018, the Commission commenced a rulemaking proceeding¹ to streamline the rules relating to interference caused by FM translators and expedite the translator complaint resolution process. Comments are due July 6, 2018, and reply comments are due August 6, 2018.²

2. On June 25, 2018, Beasley Media Group, LLC, Educational Media Foundation, Gradick Communications, LLC, iHeart Communications, Inc., Neuhoff Corp., Radio One Licenses, LLC/Urban One, Inc., and Withers Broadcasting Companies (Petitioners) filed a Motion for Extension of Time seeking additional time to file comments and reply comments. Petitioners request an extension of the deadline for filing comments to August 6, 2018, and for filing reply comments to September 5, 2018.³ The Petitioners contend that the rulemaking raises complex technical matters and that the requested extension of time will allow Petitioners to gather, “market-derived data across the radio industry as to the locations of listening to full service FM radio stations based on Nielsen audience data. This wide-ranging factual undertaking should provide invaluable data for the Commission’s evaluation of the impact of the NPRM’s proposals.”⁴

3. Section 1.46 of the Commission’s rules provides that “[i]t is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.”⁵ We find, however, that there is good cause to extend the due date for filing comments and reply comments. A brief extension of the filing deadline will allow parties to provide the Commission with more thorough comments that will facilitate the compilation of a complete record in this proceeding, without causing undue delay to the Commission’s consideration of these issues.

¹ *Amendment of Part 74 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding FM Translator Interference*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket No. 18-119, FCC 18-60 (rel. May 10, 2018).

² *Media Bureau Announces Notice of Proposed Rulemaking “In the Matter of Amendment of Part 74 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding FM Translator Interference” Published in Federal Register*, Public Notice, DA 18-586 (rel. June 7, 2018).

³ Motion for Extension of Time, MB Docket No. 18-119 (filed June 25, 2018) (Motion).

⁴ Motion at 2.

⁵ 47 CFR § 1.46.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), 5, and 303(r) of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155, and 303(r), and sections 0.61, 0.283, 1.46, and 1.415 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.61, 0.283, 1.46, and 1.415, that the Motion for Extension of Time filed on June 25, 2018, IS GRANTED, and the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in MB Docket No. 18-119 are extended to August 6, 2018, and September 5, 2018, respectively.

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