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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY DEADLINES FOR THE LPTV, TV TRANSLATOR, AND FM BROADCAST STATION REIMBURSEMENT NPRM

Companion Order Effective August 27, 2018

MB Docket Nos. 18-214 and 12-268

Comment Date: September 26, 2018 Reply Comment Date: October 26, 2018

On August 3, 2018, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM and Order)* implementing Congress's directive that the Commission reimburse certain Low Power Television (LPTV), television translator (TV translator), and FM broadcast stations for costs incurred as a result of the Commission's broadcast television spectrum incentive auction.¹ The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in response to the *NPRM* at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register.²

The summary of the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on August 27, 2018.³ Accordingly, comments will be due on or before September 26, 2018, and reply comments on or before October 26, 2018. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 101 of the *NPRM and Order*.⁴ The *NPRM* is available on the Commission's website.⁵

¹ LPTV, TV Translator, and FM Broadcast Station Reimbursement; Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order, MB Docket Nos. 18-214 and 12-268, FCC 18-113 (rel. Aug. 3, 2018).

² *Id*. at 1.

³ 83 FR 43613 (Aug. 27, 2018).

⁴ See NPRM and Order at ¶ 101.

The Commission stated in the *NPRM and Order* that the *Order* would be effective upon publication in the Federal Register.⁶ The *Order* was published in the Federal Register on August 27, 2018,⁷ and, therefore, became effective on that date.

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⁵ See <u>https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-18-113A1.docx</u> (Word); https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-18-113A1.pdf (PDF).

⁶ See NPRM and Order at ¶ 106.

⁷ 83 FR 43556 (Aug. 27, 2018).