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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR INDUSTRY PROPOSAL FOR CARRIAGE ELECTION NOTICE MODERNIZATION

MB Docket No. 17-317

Comment Date: March 18, 2019

Reply Comment Date: March 26, 2019

On December 13, 2018, the Media Bureau released a Public Notice (*December Public Notice*) seeking comment on the proposal that was submitted by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and NCTA – The Internet and Television Association (NCTA) on December 7, 2018 in docket number 17-317 (*Joint Proposal*).¹ The *Joint Proposal* responds to the *Electronic Delivery of MVPD Subscriber Notification Rules* Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*NPRM*) that sought comment, in part, on updating the requirement that broadcast television stations send carriage election notices via certified mail.

The comment and reply deadlines established by that Public Notice fell during a lapse in funding. On January 29, 2019 the Media Bureau, on its own motion, extended the deadlines.² The *January Public Notice* sets deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 40 days, respectively, following publication in the Federal Register.

The Federal Register published a summary of the *January Public Notice* on February 14, 2019.³ Accordingly, comments will be due on or before March 18, 2019, and reply comments will be due on or before March 26, 2019. Complete filing instructions are provided in the *December Public Notice*⁴ and the Federal Register.⁵

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¹ *Media Bureau Seeks Comment on Industry Proposal for Carriage Election Notice Modernization*, MB Docket No. 17-317, Public Notice, DA 18-1250 (MB December 13, 2018). The *Joint Proposal* is available online at <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1207161565486/Ex%20Parte%20Carriage%20Elections%20Notice%20%20NCTA-NAB%2012-7-18.pdf>.

² *Media Bureau Extends Comment and Reply Dates for Industry Proposal on Carriage Election Notice Modernization*, MB Docket No. 17-317, Public Notice, DA 19-25 (MB January 29, 2019).

³ *Electronic Delivery of MVPD Communications; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative*, Proposed Rule, 84 Fed. Reg. 4039 (February 14, 2019), <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-14/pdf/2019-02314.pdf> (*Notice*).

⁴ *December Public Notice* at 2-3. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

⁵ *See Notice*.