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## COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES ESTABLISHED FOR CABLE SERVICE CHANGE NOTIFICATIONS NPRM

MB Docket Nos. 19-347, 17-105, 10-71

Comment Date: February 6, 2020

Reply Comment Date: February 21, 2020

On December 12, 2019, the Commission adopted and released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on whether to update its rules concerning notices that cable operators must provide to subscribers and local franchise authorities regarding service or rate changes.<sup>1</sup> The Commission sought comment on amending the rules to make clear that cable operators must provide subscriber notice “as soon as possible” when service changes occur due to retransmission consent or program carriage negotiations that fail within the last 30 days of a contract. The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register.<sup>2</sup>

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on January 7, 2020.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, comments must be submitted no later than February 6, 2020. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than February 21, 2020. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 29 of the *NPRM*.<sup>4</sup>

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By the Chief, Media Bureau

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<sup>1</sup> *Cable Service Change Notifications; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative; Amendment of the Commission’s Rules Related to Retransmission Consent*, MB Docket Nos. 19-347, 17-105, 10-71, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 19-132 (rel. December 12, 2019) (*NPRM*). The *NPRM* is available on the Commission’s website. See <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-19-132A1.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>3</sup> *Cable Service Change Notifications; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative; Retransmission Consent*, 85 Fed. Reg. 656 (Jan. 7, 2020).

<sup>4</sup> See *NPRM* at 13, para. 29.