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**comment and reply comment dates set
for Significantly Viewed Stations NPRM**

**MB Docket Nos. 20-73, 17-105**

**Comment Date: May 14, 2020**

**Reply Comment Date: June 15, 2020**

On March 31, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (*NPRM*) seeking comment on modernizing the methodology for determining whether a television broadcast station is “significantly viewed” in a community outside of its local television market.[[1]](#footnote-3) The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register.

The Media Bureau announces that the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on April 14, 2020.[[2]](#footnote-4) Accordingly, comments must be submitted by May 14, 2020; reply comments must be submitted by June 15, 2020. Commenters must follow the filing instructions set forth in paragraph 22 of the *NPRM*.[[3]](#footnote-5)

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1. *Significantly Viewed Stations; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative*, MB Docket Nos. 20-73 and 17-105, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 20-41 (rel. Mar. 31, 2020) (*NPRM*). The *NPRM* is available on the Commission’s website. *See* <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-20-41A1.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. 85 Fed. Reg. 20649 (Apr. 14, 2020). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. *NPRM* at para. 22. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)