**DA 20-518**

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**comment and reply comment dates set for**

**notice of proposed rulemaking regarding**

**rules governing the use by broadcast stations of**

**distributed transmission system technologies**

**MB Docket No. 20-74, GN Docket No. 16-142**

**Comment Date: June 12, 2020**

**Reply Comment Date: July 13, 2020**

On April 1, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (*NPRM*) seeking comment on whether to make technical changes to its rules governing the use of distributed transmission system (DTS) technologies in order to help the broadcast television industry expand DTS use as it deploys the next generation broadcast television standard (ATSC 3.0).[[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 May 13, 2020.[[2]](#footnote-4) Accordingly, comments must be submitted by June 12, 2020; reply comments must be submitted by July 13, 2020. Commenters must follow the filing instructions set forth in the *NPRM*.[[3]](#footnote-5)

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1. *Rules Governing the Use of Distributed Transmission System Technologies, Authorizing Permissive Use of the “Next Generation” Broadcast Television Standard*, MB Docket No. 20-74, GN Docket No. 16-142, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 20-43 (rel. Apr. 1, 2020) (*NPRM*). The *NPRM* is available on the Commission’s website. *See* <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-20-43A1.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *See* <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/13/2020-09625/rules-governing-the-use-of-distributed-transmission-system-technologies-authorizing-permissive-use>. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. *NPRM* at 19-20. Commenting parties may file comments in response to this Notice in MB Docket No. 20-74 only and are not required to file duplicate copies in the additional docket listed above. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)