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COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES SET FOR FM DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA NPRM

MB Docket No. 21-422

Comment Date: December 30, 2021
Reply Comment Date: January 14, 2022

On November 15, 2021, the Commission adopted and released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to update its rules for applicants proposing directional antenna facilities for FM and Low Power FM (LPFM) broadcast stations.¹ The Commission sought comment on specific rule revisions allowing an FM or LPFM applicant to verify a directional antenna pattern through the use of computer modeling. 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.²

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on November 30, 2021.³ Comments must be submitted no later than December 30, 2021. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than January 14, 2022. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 21 of the *NPRM*.⁴ The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.⁵

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By the Chief, Media Bureau

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¹ *Updating FM Broadcast Radio Service Directional Antenna Performance Verification*, MB Docket No. 21-422, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 21-117 (Nov. 15, 2021) (*NPRM*).

² *See id.* at 1.

³ *Updating FM Broadcast Radio Service Directional Antenna Performance Verification*, 86 Fed. Reg. 67886 (Nov. 30, 2021).

⁴ *NPRM* at 8-9, para. 21.

⁵ *See* <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-21-117A1.pdf>.