

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Amendment of Section 74.1231(i) of the) MB Docket No. 20-401
Commission's Rules on FM Broadcast Booster)
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Modernization of Media Initiative) MB Docket No. 17-105
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Amendment of Section 74.1231(i) of the) RM-11854
Commission's Rules on FM Broadcast Booster)
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ORDER

Adopted: May 24, 2022

Released: May 24, 2022

By the Chief, Media Bureau:

1. On April 18, 2022, the Media Bureau (Bureau) released a Public Notice seeking public comment on test reports and other filings submitted after the March 12, 2021, close of the comment period in this proceeding.1 The Public Notice set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication of the Public Notice in the Federal Register. The Public Notice was published in the Federal Register on May 5, 2022.2 The Bureau released an additional Public Notice on that date announcing the comment date of June 6, 2022, and the reply comment date of June 21, 2022.3

2. On May 18, 2022, National Public Radio, Inc. (NPR) and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) filed a joint request for a two-week extension of these filing deadlines.4 The Extension Request asserts that NPR's and NAB's technical experts require additional time to analyze the voluminous technical material that GeoBroadcast Solutions LLC (GeoBroadcast) filed in this proceeding and that problems locating information in the Commission's electronic databases have slowed their review.5 On May 19, 2022, GeoBroadcast filed an Opposition to Request for Extension of Time.6

1 Media Bureau Seeks Comment on Recent Filings Concerning Use of FM Boosters for Geo-Targeted Content, MB Dkt. Nos. 20-401, 17-105, Public Notice, DA 22-429 (2022) (Public Notice).

2 Media Bureau Seeks Comment on Recent Filings Concerning Use of FM Boosters for Geo-Targeted Content, 87 Fed. Reg. 26758 (May 5, 2022).

3 Comment and Reply Comment Dates Set for Recent Filings Concerning Use of FM Boosters for Geo-Targeted Content, MB Dkt. Nos. 20-401, 17-105, Public Notice, DA 22-492 (2022).

4 NPR and NAB Request for Extension of Time, MB Dkt. Nos. 20-401, 17-105 (filed May 18, 2022) (Extension Request).

5 Id.

6 GeoBroadcast Opposition to Request for Extension of Time, MB Dkt. Nos. 20-401, 17-105 (filed May 19, 2022) (Opposition).

GeoBroadcast notes that it filed its most recent test report on March 30, 2022, and that the public has had ample opportunity to analyze its test results.⁷

3. We find NPR and NAB have not shown good cause in the Extension Request for extending the comment deadlines. It is the Commission's general policy that requests for extension of time will not be routinely granted.⁸ We agree with GeoBroadcast that the public interest will be best served by expeditious review of the GeoBroadcast test reports and other material in the record.

4. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to sections 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46, the Request for Extension of Time is denied.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Chief, Media Bureau

⁷ *Id.* at 1.

⁸ 47 CFR § 1.46(a).