Media Bureau Announces Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines for Audio Description FNPRM
MB Docket No. 11-43

Comment Deadline: April 28, 2023
Reply Comment Deadline: May 15, 2023

On March 16, 2023, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a Further Notice of
Proposed Rulemaking in the Matter of Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century
Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (the FNPRM). In the FNPRM, the Commission
proposes to expand its audio description regulations to ensure that a greater number of individuals who
are blind or visually impaired can be connected, informed, and entertained by television programming.
Consistent with the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010
(CVAA), the Commission proposes to phase in an additional 10 designated market areas (DMAs) each
year until audio description is available in all such market areas. The Commission set deadlines for filing
comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication of the FNPRM in the
Federal Register.

By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau announces that the FNPRM was published in the Federal
Register on March 29, 2023. Comments must be submitted no later than April 28, 2023. Reply
Comments must be submitted no later than May 15, 2023. Comments should follow the filing instructions
provided in paragraph 21 of the FNPRM. The FNPRM is available on the Commission’s website.

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3 See FNPRM at 1.
4 Id.
5 See Federal Communications Commission, Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century
6 FNPRM at para. 21.
7 See https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-20A1.docx (Word),