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COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES SET FOR FM DIGITAL POWER NPRM

MB Docket No. 22-405

Comment Date: September 21, 2023 Reply Comment Date: October 6, 2023

On July 31, 2023, the Commission adopted an Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to update its rules to give FM and Low Power FM (LPFM) applicants more flexibility to increase digital power levels.¹ The Commission sought comment on specific rule revisions updating the methodology for a digital FM or LPFM applicant to calculate the maximum permissible digital power level, and to allow asymmetric power operation on the digital sidebands. 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 August 22, 2023.³ Comments must be submitted no later than September 21, 2023. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than October 6, 2023. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 35 of the *NPRM*.⁴ The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.⁵

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¹ Modifying Rules for FM Terrestrial Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems, MB Docket No. 22-405, Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 23-61 (rel. Aug. 1, 2023) (NPRM).

² See id. at 1.

³ Modifying Rules for FM Terrestrial Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems, 88 Fed. Reg. 57033 (Aug. 22, 2023).

⁴ NPRM at 16, para. 35.

⁵ See https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-61A1.pdf.