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## MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DEADLINES FOR NPRM SEEKING COMMENT ON WHETHER TO REQUIRE REFUNDS FOR PROGRAMMING BLACKOUTS

MB Docket No. 24-20

**Comment Date: March 8, 2024**  
**Reply Comment Date: April 8, 2024**

On January 17, 2024, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* that sought comment on “whether to require cable operators and direct broadcast satellite (DBS) providers to give their subscribers rebates when those subscribers are deprived of video programming they expect to receive during programming blackouts that result from failed retransmission consent negotiations or failed non-broadcast carriage negotiations.”<sup>1</sup> The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in response to the *NPRM* at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register.<sup>2</sup>

A summary of the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on February 7, 2024.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, comments will be due on or before March 8, 2024 and reply comments on or before April 8, 2024. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in the *NPRM*.<sup>4</sup> The *NPRM* is available on the Commission’s website.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Customer Rebates for Undelivered Video Programming During Blackouts*, MB Docket No. 24-20, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 24-2, para. 1 (Jan. 17, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>3</sup> Federal Communications Commission, *Customer Rebates for Undelivered Video Programming During Blackouts*, 89 Fed. Reg. 8385 (Feb. 7, 2024).

<sup>4</sup> See *NPRM* at para. 21.

<sup>5</sup> See <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-begins-proceeding-empower-consumers-during-tv-blackouts>.