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COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES SET FOR INDEPENDENT PROGRAMMING NPRM

MB Docket No. 24-115

Comment Date: June 6, 2024

Reply Comment Date: July 8, 2024

On April 19, 2024, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on the current state of the marketplace for diverse and independent programming and the obstacles faced by independent programmers seeking carriage on multichannel video programming distributors and online platforms. The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 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 May 7, 2024.³ Comments must be submitted no later than June 6, 2024. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than July 8, 2024. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 36 of the *NPRM*.⁴ The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.⁵

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¹ Fostering Independent and Diverse Sources of Video Programming, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket No. 24-115, FCC 24-44 (rel. Apr. 19, 2024) (NPRM).

² See id. at 1.

³ Federal Communications Commission, Fostering Independent and Diverse Sources of Video Programming, Proposed Rule, 89 Fed. Reg. 38007 (May 7, 2024).

⁴ NPRM at 19, para. 36.

⁵ https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-24-44A1.pdf.