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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DEADLINES FOR THE COMMERCIAL TELEVISION BROADCAST STATION BLACKOUT REPORTING NPRM

MB Docket No. 23-427

Comment Date: February 26, 2024
Reply Comment Date: March 26, 2024

On December 21, 2023, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* that sought comment on a proposal to “amend the Commission’s rules to require notification to the Commission when a blackout of a broadcast television station, or stations, occurs on a video programming service offered by a multichannel video programming distributor (MVPD) for 24 hours or more due to a breakdown in retransmission consent negotiations between broadcasters and MVPDs.”¹ 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.²

A summary of the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on January 26, 2024.³ Accordingly, comments will be due on or before February 26, 2024 and reply comments on or before March 26, 2024. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 38 of the *NPRM*.⁴ The *NPRM* is available on the Commission’s website.⁵

For additional information, contact Brooke Olausen of the Policy Division, Media Bureau at brooke.olaussen@fcc.gov or (202) 418-1060.

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¹ *Reporting Requirements for Commercial Television Broadcast Station Blackouts*, MB Docket No. 23-427, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 23-115, para. 1 (Dec. 21, 2023).

² *Id.* at 1.

³ Federal Communications Commission, *Reporting Requirements for Commercial Television Broadcast Station Blackouts*, 89 Fed. Reg. 5184 (Jan. 26, 2024).

⁴ See *NPRM* at para. 38.

⁵ See <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-seeks-comment-tv-blackout-reporting-requirements>.