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COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN SAYS PUBLIC NOTICE ON MEDIA OWNERSHIP ECONOMIC STUDIES IS “SCANT” AND “UNDERMINES PUBLIC CONFIDENCE”

Washington, DC. – In response to today’s Public Notice on economic studies to be conducted as part of the media ownership proceeding, Commissioner Adelstein said:

“Today’s unilateral release of this Public Notice on the eve of the Thanksgiving holiday ultimately undermines the public's confidence by raising more questions than it answers. The legitimacy of the studies is directly correlated to the transparency of the process undertaken to develop the studies and select the authors.

The descriptions of the studies are scant, lacking any sense of the Commission's expectations for scope, proposed methodology and data sources. In certain instances, the truncated period of time to complete the studies is an ingredient for a study that doesn't engender public faith and confidence. The release of this deficient Public Notice is unfortunate given the importance of these studies in evaluating the impact of media ownership on the American public.”

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