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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING IN THE MVPD INTERPRETATION PROCEEDING

Comment Date: February 17, 2015
Reply Comment Date: March 2, 2015

On December 17, 2014, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on a proposed update to the Commission’s rules that is intended to reflect the fact that video services are being provided increasingly over the Internet.¹ In the NPRM, the Commission requests comment on a proposed interpretation of the term “multichannel video programming distributor” (“MVPD”) that would “includ[e] within its scope services that make available for purchase, by subscribers or customers, multiple linear streams of video programming, regardless of the technology used to distribute the programming.”² The Commission also seeks comment on an alternate interpretation that would require an entity to control a transmission path to qualify as an MVPD. The NPRM then seeks comment on the impact of those competing interpretations.³ The NPRM set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days after publication of the NPRM in the Federal Register. On January 15, 2015, a summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register.⁴ Accordingly, comments and reply comments must be filed on or before February 17, 2015 and March 2, 2015, respectively. Commenters should follow the filing instructions in the NPRM beginning at paragraph 82. The NPRM is available at: http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2014/db1219/FCC-14-210A1.pdf.

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² Id. at ¶ 1.
³ Id. at ¶¶ 7-8.