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## Media Bureau Announces Comment and Reply Deadlines for Video Description Expansion Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

MB Docket No. 11-43

## Comment Deadline: June 27, 2016 Reply Comment Deadline: July 26, 2016

On April 1, 2016, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in MB Docket No. 11-43 that seeks comment on both tentative conclusions and proposals regarding additional video description rules, including their costs and benefits.<sup>1</sup> The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments 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 May 27, 2016, which established deadlines of June 27, 2016 for comments and July 26, 2016 for reply comments.<sup>3</sup> Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 45 of the *NPRM*.<sup>4</sup> The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.<sup>5</sup> For more information, contact Lyle Elder, Lyle.Elder@fcc.gov, of the Media Bureau, Policy Division, (202) 418-2120.

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<sup>4</sup> *See NPRM* at 2481, para. 45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, MB Docket No. 11-43, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 2463 (2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See *id*. at 2463.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 79, Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Proposed Rule, 81 Fed. Reg. 33642 (May 27, 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/attachmatch/FCC-16-37A1.docx</u> (Word); <u>https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/attachmatch/FCC-16-37A1.pdf</u> (PDF); <u>https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/attachmatch/FCC-16-37A1.txt</u> (text).