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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DEADLINES FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING REVISION OF THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAM ACCESS RULES

MB DOCKET NOS. 12-68, 07-18, AND 05-192

NPRM Comment Deadline: June 22, 2012
NPRM Reply Comment Deadline: July 23, 2012

On March 20, 2012, the Commission adopted and released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Matter of *Revision of the Commission's Program Access Rules* (the "*NPRM*").¹ In the *NPRM*, the Commission sought comment on (i) whether to retain, sunset, or relax the prohibition on exclusive contracts involving satellite-delivered, cable-affiliated programming; and (ii) potential revisions to the program access rules to better address alleged violations, including potentially discriminatory volume discounts and uniform price increases. The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 60 and 90 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 today, April 23, 2012.³ Comments must be submitted no later than June 22, 2012. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than July 23, 2012. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 106 of the *NPRM*.⁴ The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.⁵

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¹ MB Docket Nos. 12-68, 07-18, and 05-192, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-30 (rel. March 20, 2012).

² See *NPRM* at 1.

³ See *Revision of the Commission's Program Access Rules*, 77 Fed. Reg. 24302 (Apr. 23, 2012).

⁴ *NPRM* at 58-59, ¶ 106.

⁵ See http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0320/FCC-12-30A1.doc (Word), http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0320/FCC-12-30A1.pdf (Acrobat).