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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.<sup>1</sup> 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."<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup> 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](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2014/db1219/FCC-14-210A1.pdf).

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By the Chief, Media Bureau.

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<sup>1</sup> *Promoting Innovation and Competition in the Provision of Multichannel Video Programming Distribution Services*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket No. 14-261, FCC 14-210 (rel. December 19, 2014) ("*NPRM*").

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 1.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at ¶¶ 7-8.

<sup>4</sup> 75 Fed. Reg. 27256 (2010).