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## Media Bureau Announces Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines for *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* on Sports Blackout Rules

MB Docket No. 12-3

**Comment Deadline: February 24, 2014**  
**Reply Comment Deadline: March 25, 2014**

On December 18, 2013, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“*NPRM*”) in MB Docket No. 12-3 seeking comment on its proposal to eliminate the sports blackout rules.<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. A summary of the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on January 24, 2014.<sup>2</sup> Thus, comments must be submitted no later than February 24, 2014. Reply comments must be submitted no later than March 25, 2014. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 44 of the *NPRM*.<sup>3</sup> The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission’s website.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Sports Blackout Rules*, MB Docket No. 12-3, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 13-162 (rel. Dec. 18, 2013) (“*Sports Blackout NPRM*”).

<sup>2</sup> *Sports Blackout Rules*, 79 Fed. Reg. 4138 (Jan. 24, 2014). See <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-01-24/pdf/2014-01338.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> See *Sports Blackout NPRM* at ¶ 44.

<sup>4</sup> See [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-162A1.doc](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-162A1.doc) (Word), [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-162A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-162A1.pdf) (Acrobat).