

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
2014 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of) MB Docket No. 14-50
the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and)
Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996)
2010 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of) MB Docket No. 09-182
the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and)
Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996)
Promoting Diversification of Ownership) MB Docket No. 07-294
In the Broadcasting Services)
Rules and Policies Concerning Attribution of Joint) MB Docket No. 04-256
Sales Agreements in Local Television Markets)

ORDER

Adopted: January 11, 2017

Released: January 11, 2017

By the Chief, Media Bureau:

1. On August 10, 2016, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order that completed the 2010 and 2014 Quadrennial Reviews of the media ownership rules (Quadrennial Review Order).1 On December 1, 2016, several parties filed petitions for reconsideration of the Quadrennial Review Order, including the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc., and Connoisseur Media, LLC.2 On December 30, 2016, a summary of the Commission’s Public Notice regarding the filing of these petitions was published in the Federal Register, setting the deadline for oppositions as January 17, 2017, and the deadline for replies to oppositions as January 24, 2017.3 The deadline for filing replies was later changed to January 27, 2017, to allow for a full 10 days after the time for filing oppositions had expired, consistent with the Commission’s rules.4

1 2014 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Second Report and Order, 31 FCC Rcd 9864 (2016) (Quadrennial Review Order).

2 Petition for Reconsideration of Connoisseur Media, LLC, MB Docket. No. 14-50 et al. (filed Dec, 1, 2016); Petition for Reconsideration of NAB, MB Docket. No. 14-50 et al. (filed Dec, 1, 2016); Petition for Reconsideration of Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc., MB Docket. No. 14-50 et al. (filed Dec, 1, 2016); see also 2014 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Notice, Rep. No. 3064 (rel. Dec. 21, 2016).

3 81 Fed. Reg. 96415 (Dec. 30, 2016).

4 82 Fed. Reg. 3279 (Jan. 11, 2017).

2. On January 4, 2017, Prometheus Radio Project and Media Mobilizing Project (collectively the Movants) filed a motion for extension of time to file oppositions and replies in response to the petitions in the above-captioned proceeding.⁵ Movants seek a 30-day extension of the deadlines to file oppositions and replies, or until February 16, 2017, and February 24, 2017, respectively.⁶ Movants state that time has already been lost due to the ongoing holiday season and that the current schedule would make it difficult for counsel to consult with clients, thus interfering with development of a complete record in this matter.⁷ Movants also cite potential difficulties for the Commission in the consideration of this record due to the impending transition to a new administration.⁸

3. On January 5, 2017, NAB filed an opposition to the Movants' request for extension of time.⁹ NAB argues that the public interest would not be served by any further delay in Commission action regarding the broadcast ownership rules.¹⁰ NAB disputes the Movants' rationale for needing more time and states that, because its petition for reconsideration does not present any novel issues or data, the Movants have had ample time to develop a responsive filing.¹¹ Also on January 5, 2017, Movants responded that the extension request would not result in undue delay in the consideration of NAB's petition for reconsideration.¹²

4. As set forth in Section 1.46(a) of the Commission's rules, extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.¹³ In this instance, however, the Media Bureau finds that the need to develop a full and complete record in response to the petitions provides good cause for waiving the Commission's rule to allow for additional time. However, we do not believe that the full extension of time requested by the Movants is necessary. Instead, we find that a shorter, one-week extension of time is warranted in these circumstances and that such an extension will not unduly delay the Commission's consideration of the reconsideration petitions. Accordingly, the Media Bureau hereby extends the deadline for filing oppositions in this matter until **January 24, 2017**, and the deadline for filing replies to oppositions until **February 3, 2017**.

5. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j) and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c) and Sections 0.31, 0.241 and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.31, 0.241 and 1.46, the deadline for filing oppositions to the petitions in the above-captioned proceeding **IS EXTENDED** to January 24, 2017, and the deadline for filing replies to oppositions **IS EXTENDED** to February 3, 2017.

⁵ Motion of Prometheus Radio Project and Media Mobilizing Project for Extension of Time, MB Docket No. 14-50 et al. (filed Jan. 4, 2017).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.* at 1-2.

⁸ *Id.* at 2.

⁹ Opposition of NAB to Motion for Extension of Time, MB Docket No. 14-50 et al. (filed Jan. 5, 2017) (NAB Opposition); *see also* Opposition of Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc. to Motion for Extension of Time, MB Docket No. 14-50 et al. (filed Jan. 5, 2017) (opposing Movants' extension request for reasons similar to those asserted by NAB).

¹⁰ NAB Opposition at 1-3.

¹¹ *Id.* at 3-5.

¹² Reply of Prometheus Radio Project and Media Mobilizing Project to Opposition to Motion for Extension of Time, MB Docket No. 14-50 et al. (filed Jan. 5, 2017). Movants also revised their request for extension of the reply deadline to February 27, 2017, to account for the original discrepancy in the *Federal Register* notice. *Id.* at 2.

¹³ 47 CFR § 1.46(a).

6. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Motion for Extension of Time by Prometheus Radio Project and Media Mobilizing Project **IS GRANTED IN PART** to the extent indicated herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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