Date: Wednesday, December 31, 2014
Subject: FCC Captioning Quality Rules: Comment Deadlines Established and Effective Dates Announced

On December 15, 2014, the FCC released a Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Second FNPRM) to invite comment on several issues that relate to ensuring quality captioning of video programming on television. The questions in this Second FNPRM include:

- Should video programmers be required to file contact information and certification of captioning compliance with the FCC?
- How can video programmer contact information and certifications be made widely available to the public?

The deadlines for comments have been established:
Comment due date: January 20, 2015
Reply comment due date: January 30, 2015

In addition, on December 29, 2014, the FCC released a Public Notice announcing that the following rules, adopted by the FCC last February, will take effect on **March 16, 2015**:

- Rules establishing captioning quality obligations and standards
- Captioning Best Practices
- Requirements for video programming distributors to keep records of their monitoring and maintenance activities
- Procedures related to informal complaints regarding the use of the Electronic Newsroom Technique (ENT)
- ENT compliance procedures relating to the ENT rules that went into effect on June 30, 2014
- The one-time ENT progress report, which is due no later than **June 30, 2015**

The link for the Second FNPRM:
http://www.fcc.gov/document/captioning-video-programmer-registration-and-compliance -certification

The link to the Public Notice announcing the Second FNPRM comment deadlines:
http://www.fcc.gov/document/comment-deadlines-announced-captioning -quality-second -fnprm

The link to the Public Notice announcing the effective dates of specific captioning rules:
http://www.fcc.gov/document/notice -effective-dates-omb-approved-captioning -rules

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