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DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR REPLY COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING IN REVITALIZATION OF THE AM RADIO SERVICE

MB Docket No. 13-249

Extended Reply Comment Deadline: March 20, 2014

1. By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau extends the deadline for filing reply comments in the above-referenced proceeding. On October 31, 2013, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, FCC 13-139, in *Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*, MB Docket No. 13-249.¹ In the *AM Revitalization NPRM*, the Commission sought comment on a number of proposals intended to enhance the AM broadcast service or ease regulatory burdens on AM broadcasters. On November 20, 2013, the Media Bureau released a Public Notice announcing that a summary of the *AM Revitalization NPRM* had been published in the Federal Register.² In the *AM Publication PN*, the Bureau announced a comment deadline of January 21, 2014, and a reply comment deadline of February 18, 2014. On January 29, 2014, the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers ("AFCCE") requested a 60day extension of the reply comment deadline.³ AFCCE explained that it had formed a committee to review and reply to the approximately 150 comments received in the proceeding, but that more time was needed to review and respond to the comments. We grant AFCCE's request in part, and extend the reply comment deadline for an additional 30 days.

2. As set forth in Section 1.46(a) of the Commission's Rules,⁴ the Commission's policy is that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted. Given the expertise of AFCCE and its members, and the need for AFCCE's committee to consult among themselves, however, we believe that granting AFCCE's request is necessary to facilitate the development of a full record. Accordingly, we extend the comment deadline by an additional 30 days, until March 20, 2014.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

¹ Revitalization of the AM Radio Service, Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 28 FCC Rcd 15221 (2013) ("AM Revitalization NPRM").

² Media Bureau Announces Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Matter of Revitalization of the AM Radio Service Published in Federal Register Today, Public Notice, MB Docket No. 13-249, DA 13-2224, 28 FCC Rcd 15884 (2013) ("AM Publication PN").

³ Request for Extension for Reply Comments of the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers, MB Docket No. 13-249 (filed January 29, 2014).

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