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MB Docket No. 02-277

COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES SET FOR
COMMENTS ON UHF DISCOUNT IN LIGHT OF RECENT LEGISLATION
AFFECTING NATIONAL TELEVISION OWNERSHIP CAP

Comment Date: March 19, 2004

Reply Comment Date: March 29, 2004

On February 19, 2004, the Media Bureau released a Public Notice, DA 04-320, opening a limited comment period in MB Docket No. 02-277 in order to afford petitioners and commenters an opportunity to update the record in that proceeding with respect to the effect, if any, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, H.R. 2673,¹ on the Commission's decision in the 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review *Report and Order*² to retain the 50% UHF discount applicable to the national TV ownership limit³ and on pending petitions for reconsideration asking the Commission to eliminate the UHF discount. The Public Notice set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 21 and 31 days after publication of the Public Notice in the Federal Register.

On February 27, 2004, a summary of the Public Notice was published in the Federal Register (69 FR 9216). Accordingly, comments must be filed on or before March 19, 2004 and reply comments must be filed on or before March 29, 2004. Comments and reply comments may be

¹ Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-199, § 629, 118 Stat. 3 (2004) ("Appropriations Act").

² *In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers, Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets, Definition of Radio Markets, and Definition of Radio Markets for Areas Not Located in An Arbitron Survey Area ("Report and Order")*, 18 FCC Rcd 13620 (2003), appeal pending *sub nom.*, *Prometheus Radio Project, et al. v. FCC*, Nos. 03-3388, *et al.* (3d Cir.).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 73.3555(e).

filed through the Commission's Electronic Filing System or by filing paper copies (an original and four copies) as set forth in the Public Notice.

The Public Notice may be obtained from the Commission's Internet site at http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Digest/2004/dd040220.html . For further information contact Debra Sabourin or Patrick Webre, Media Bureau at (202) 418-2330.

By the Chief, Media Bureau

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