

FCC MAIL SECTION Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of

Review of the Commission's) MM Docket No. 91-221
Regulations Governing Television)
Broadcasting)

Television Satellite Stations) MM Docket No. 87-8
Review of Policies and Rules)

Policies and Rules Regarding) MM Docket Nos. 94-149
Minority and Female Ownership) and 91-140
of Mass Media Facilities)

Review of the Commission's) MM Docket No. 94-150
Regulations Governing Attribution)
of Broadcast Interests)

Review of the Commission's) MM Docket No. 92-51
Regulations and Policies)
Affecting Investment)
in the Broadcast Industry)

Reexamination of the Commission's) MM Docket No. 87-154
Cross-Interest Policy)

**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR FILING COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS**

Adopted: April 7, 1995;

Released: April 7, 1995

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau:

1. On December 15, 1994, the Commission adopted three related rulemaking items. First, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making regarding ownership of television stations. Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket Nos. 91-221 and 87-8, FCC 94-322 (Jan. 17, 1995) (TV Ownership Further Notice). Second, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rule Making seeking comment on initiatives designed to increase minority and female ownership of the mass media. Notice of

Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket Nos. 94-149 and 91-140, FCC 94-323 (Jan. 12, 1995) (Minority/Female Ownership Notice). Third, the Commission adopted a **Notice of Proposed Rule Making** exploring modification of the Commission's rules regarding attribution of ownership interests. **Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket Nos. 94-150, 92-51 and 87-154, FCC 94-324 (Jan. 12, 1995) (Attribution Notice).** Comments in all three proceedings are currently due on April 17, 1995, and reply comments are due on May 17, 1995.

2. The Commission has received a separate request for extension of the comment periods in each of the three proceedings, as well as a fourth filing encompassing all the proceedings. On March 16, 1995, LIN Television Corporation, on behalf of several licensees, filed a request for a 60-day extension of time to respond to the **TV Ownership Further Notice**. On March 23, 1995, Communications Corporation of America, Pappas Stations Partnership and Fant Broadcasting Company of Nebraska, Inc., filed a joint motion for a 60-day extension of time to file comments in response to the **Attribution Notice**. A March 31, 1995, filing by American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) seeks a 90-day extension of the comment dates for the **Minority/Female Ownership Notice**. The **Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC)** on April 3, 1995, filed a motion for a 90-day extension in all three proceedings. Petitioners primarily contend that additional time is necessary to satisfactorily complete the economic and statistical analyses sought by the Commission.

3. As set forth in Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, it is our policy that extensions of time for filing comments in rulemaking proceedings shall not be routinely granted. We note that in all three proceedings, the Commission established a longer-than-usual initial comment period to provide interested parties sufficient opportunity to collect and analyze the type of data sought. Taking into consideration the circumstances outlined by petitioners, however, we believe that a 30-day extension of time to file comments and reply comments is warranted and should facilitate the development of a full and complete record on the issues raised in the three proceedings.

4. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the Request for Extension of Time in MM Docket Nos. 91-221 and 87-8 filed by LIN Television Corporation; the Motion for Extension of Time in MM Docket Nos. 94-150, 92-51 and 87-154 filed by Communications Corporation of America, Pappas Stations Partnership and Fant Broadcasting Company of Nebraska, Inc.; the Request for Extension of Time filed by American Women in Radio and Television in MM Docket Nos. 94-149 and 91-140; and the Motion for Extension of Time filed by the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council in all three of the above-referenced proceedings **ARE GRANTED** to the extent detailed above and are otherwise **DENIED**.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time for filing comments in the three above-captioned proceedings IS EXTENDED to May 17, 1995, and the time for filing reply comments IS EXTENDED to June 19, 1995.

7. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i) and 303(r), and Sections 0.204(b), 0.283 and 1.45 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.204(b), 0.283 and 1.45.

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