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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)	

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

Adopted: June 15, 1995;

Released: June 15, 1995

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau:

1. On December 15, 1994, 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)(Notice). Comments on the Notice were initially due on April 17, 1995, and reply comments were initially due on May 17, 1995. By Order released April 7, 1995, the time for filing comments in this proceeding was extended to May 17, 1995, and the time for filing reply comments was extended to June 19, 1995.

2. On June 12, 1995, The Black Citizens for a Fair Media, Center for Media Education, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Communications Task Force, Hispanic Bar Association, League of United Latin American Citizens, National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Office of Communications of the United Church of Christ, Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force, Telecommunications Research Action Center, Wider Opportunities for Women, and the Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press (Petitioners), filed a joint request for an additional 60-day extension of time to file reply comments in this proceeding. Petitioners argue primarily that additional time is needed to review and prepare a reply to comments filed in response to the Commission's Notice. Petitioners also argue that Congress is presently considering legislation that would "effectively moot" this proceeding and therefore obviate the need to prepare and file reply comments.

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. Moreover, the initial comment period in this proceeding was longer than usual, and one 30-day extension of time has already been granted. However, in view of the circumstances outlined by Petitioners, we believe an additional 11-day extension of the reply comment deadline is warranted in order to facilitate the development of a full and complete record. We decline to grant a longer extension at this point in time based on speculation as to events that may or may not affect this proceeding.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the Request for Extension of Time filed in MM Docket Nos. 91-221 and 87-8 by The Black Citizens for a Fair Media, Center for Media Education, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Communications Task Force, Hispanic Bar Association, League of United Latin American Citizens, National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Office of Communications of the United Church of Christ, Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force, Telecommunications Research Action Center, Wider Opportunities for Women, and the Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press IS GRANTED to the extent detailed above and is otherwise DENIED.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time for filing reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding IS EXTENDED to **June 30, 1995**.

6. 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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