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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)	
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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 REPLY COMMENTS

Adopted: June 16, 1995;

Released: June 16, 1995

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau:

1. On December 15, 1994, the Commission adopted three related rulemaking items regarding ownership of television stations, minority and female ownership of the mass media, and attribution of ownership interests. Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket Nos. 91-221 and 87-8, 10 FCC Rcd 3524 (1995) (TV Ownership Further Notice); Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket Nos. 94-149 and 91-140, 10 FCC Rcd 2788 (1995) (Minority/Female Ownership Notice); Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket Nos. 94-150, 92-51, and 87-154, 10 FCC Rcd 3606 (1995) (Attribution Notice). Comments

in all three proceedings 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 the three proceedings was extended to May 17, 1995, and the time for filing reply comments was extended to June 19, 1995. In addition, in an Order released on June 15, 1995, we extended the time for filing reply comments in response to the TV Ownership Further Notice to June 30, 1995.

2. On June 16, 1995, the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (Petitioner) filed a request for an additional two-week extension of time to file reply comments in response to the Attribution Notice and the Minority/Female Ownership Notice. Petitioner contends additional time is needed to analyze the effect on the Commission's minority ownership policies of the Supreme Court's recent decision in Adarand Construction v. Pena, No. 93-1841 (June 12, 1995).

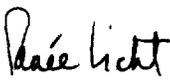
3. As set forth in Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, it is our policy that extensions of time for filing comments in rulemaking proceedings shall not be routinely granted. The initial comment period in all three proceedings was longer than usual, and one 30-day extension of time for all three proceedings has already been granted. However, because of the possible relevance of the issues addressed in Adarand to the highly complex rulemakings that are the subject of the instant request, we believe a further extension of the reply comment deadline for the Minority/Female Ownership Notice and the Attribution Notice is warranted. Because there may be benefit to a concurrent schedule for the three proceedings, we also, on our own motion, extend the reply comment deadline for the TV Ownership Further Notice.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the Motion for Extension of Time filed in MM Docket Nos. 94-150, 92-51, 87-154, 94-149 and 91-140 by the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council IS GRANTED to the extent detailed above.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time for filing reply comments in the three above-captioned proceedings IS EXTENDED to **July 10, 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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