

agreements, but reduce their potential negative effects on the competition for affiliations.

12. We could, of course, also maintain the rule as it currently stands. We would adopt this option only if we determine that the direct and indirect costs associated with these filings continue to be less than their benefits. We request that comments on the above proposals weigh the benefits and costs in a manner which justifies the particular recommendation a commenter makes.

#### Administrative Matters

13. Pursuant to applicable procedures set forth in Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Sections 1.415 and 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before June 12, 1995, and reply comments on or before July 12, 1995. To file formally in this proceeding, you must file an original plus five copies of all comments, reply comments, and supporting comments. If you want each Commissioner to receive a personal copy of your comments, you must file an original plus nine copies. You should send comments and reply comments to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554.

14. This is a non-restricted notice and comment rulemaking proceeding. *Ex parte* presentations are permitted, except during the Sunshine Agenda period, provided they are disclosed as provided in the Commission Rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. Sections 1.1202, 1.1203, and 1.1206(a).

#### Initial Regulatory Flexibility Act Statement

15. *Reason for the Action:* This proceeding was initiated to review and update the Commission's rule concerning the filing of broadcast television network affiliation contracts.

16. *Objective of this Action:* The actions proposed in this Notice are intended to reduce concerns over the potential deleterious effects of making some or all the substance of broadcast television affiliation agreements publicly available.

17. *Legal Basis:* Authority for the actions proposed in this Notice may be found in Sections 4 and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154 and 303.

18. *Recording, Recordkeeping, and Other Compliance Requirements*

*Inherent in the Proposed Rule:* The proposals may reduce existing requirements.

19. *Federal Rules that Overlap, Duplicate, or Conflict with the Proposed Rules:* None.

20. *Description, Potential Impact, and Number of Small Entities Involved:* Approximately 1,500 existing television broadcasters of all sizes may be affected by the proposals contained in this decision.

21. *Any Significant Alternatives Minimizing the Impact on Small Entities and Consistent with the State Objectives:* The proposals contained in this NPRM are intended to simplify and ease the regulatory burden currently placed on commercial television broadcasters.

22. As required by Section 603 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Commission has prepared the above Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) of the expected impact on small entities of the proposals suggested in this document. Written public comments are requested on the IRFA. These comments must be filed in accordance with the same filing deadlines as comments on the rest of this Notice of Proposed Rule Making, but they must have a separate and distinct heading designating them as responses to the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. The Secretary shall send a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rule Making, including the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration in accordance with paragraph 603(a) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. Pub. L. No. 96-354, 94 Stat. 1164, 5 U.S.C. Section 601 *et seq.* (1981).

23. This Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued pursuant to authority contained in Sections 4(i) and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 303.

#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Caton,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### 47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket Nos. 91-221 and 87-8; 94-149 and 91-140; and 94-150, 92-51 and 87-154; DA 95-761]

#### Mass Media Ownership Rules

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission extends by 30 days the comment periods for three interrelated proceedings in order to afford commenters more time to collect data and perform necessary statistical analyses. The three proceedings involve (1) the television multiple ownership rules, (2) incentives to increase minority and female ownership of mass media facilities and (3) the Commission's rules regarding attribution of ownership interests. In all three proceedings, the Commission requested detailed analyses demonstrating the relative benefits and detriments of current and proposed rules.

**DATES:** Comments due May 17, 1995; reply comments due June 19, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communication Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane Hinckley Halprin, Mass Media Bureau, Policy and Rules Division, (202) 776-1653.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Order Granting Extension of Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments

Adopted: April 7, 1995;

Released: April 7, 1995.

By the Acting 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, 60 Fed. Reg. 6490 (Feb. 2, 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, 60 Fed. Reg. 6068 (Feb. 1, 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, 60 Fed. Reg. 6483 (Feb. 2, 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.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Renee Licht,**

*Acting Chief, Mass Media Bureau.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Finding for a Petition to List as Endangered or Threatened the Contiguous United States Population of the North American Wolverine

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of 90-day petition finding.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces a 90-day finding for a petition to add the contiguous United States population of the North American wolverine (*Gulo gulo luscus*) to the List of Threatened and Endangered Species. The Service finds the petition did not present substantial information indicating that listing the wolverine in the contiguous United States may be warranted.

**DATES:** The finding announced in this document was made on March 31, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Data, information, comments, or questions concerning this petition should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 100 North Park Avenue, Suite 320, Helena, Montana 59601. The petition, finding, and additional information are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kemper McMaster, Field Supervisor (see **ADDRESSES** section) (telephone 406/449-5225).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 4(b)(3)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires that the Service make a finding on whether a petition to list, delist, or reclassify a species presents substantial scientific or commercial information to demonstrate that the petitioned act may be warranted. This finding is to be based on all information available to the Service at the time the finding is made. To the maximum extent practicable, this finding is to be made within 90 days of the date the petition was received, and a notice regarding the finding is to be published promptly in the **Federal Register**. This notice meets the latter requirement for the petition discussed below.

The Service has made a 90-day finding on a petition to list the North American wolverine (*Gulo gulo luscus*) in the contiguous United States. The petition, dated August 3, 1994, was submitted by the Biodiversity Legal Foundation, Boulder, Colorado, and the Predator Project, Bozeman, Montana, and was received by the Service on August 8, 1994. The petitioners requested that wolverine populations across their entire known historic range in the 48 contiguous United States be listed as threatened or endangered.

The wolverine has a holarctic distribution. Historically, in North America, wolverines occurred in the boreal forests throughout Alaska and Canada with the southern portion of the range extending into the contiguous United States (Has 1987). The petitioners provided information (e.g., Wilson 1982; Hash 1987) suggesting that wolverines historically occupied an extensive range in the contiguous United States, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming; and that it has been extirpated from all but 10 of these States.

In making a finding as to whether a petition presents substantial commercial or scientific information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted, the Service must consider whether the petition contains detailed narrative justification for the petitioned measure, describing past and present numbers and distribution of the species. Information regarding the status of the species over all or a significant portion