

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
 )  
Establishment of a Class A )  
Television Service ) MM Docket No. 99-292  
 ) RM-9260  
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ORDER

Adopted: December 14, 1999

Released: December 14, 1999

By the Commission:

1. By this Order, the Commission on its own motion suspends the filing of comments in this rulemaking, which are scheduled to be filed by December 21, 1999.

2. On September 29, 1999, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, FCC 99-257, setting forth for public comment a wide-range of issues and concerns dealing with the establishment of a form of primary status for qualifying low power television stations and on the appropriate regulatory framework for a Class A television service. On November 29, 1999, however, the Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999 (CBPA) was signed into law. Among other things, the legislation directed that, within 120 days after enactment of the CBPA, the Commission shall, by rulemaking, set forth regulations establishing a Class A television service for licensees of low power television that satisfy certain statutorily-prescribed criteria. The Commission is currently assessing the impact of the CBPA, whose provisions are more narrowly focused than the matters in the instant rulemaking, and believes that suspension of the scheduled filing of comments would be more conducive to orderly rulemaking in the abbreviated proceeding mandated by the CBPA.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the comment filing date set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in this proceeding IS SUSPENDED until further notice from the Commission. This Order is effective upon release.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary