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FCC Releases Dates on Which Stations Intend to Terminate Analog Television Service

On March 13, 2009, the Commission released its Third Report and Order in response to the Congressional extension of the digital television (DTV) transition deadline from February 17, 2009 to June 12, 2009. In that Report and Order, the Commission required that all full-power television stations that had not terminated their analog service as of February 17, 2009, notify the Commission of the date by which they intend to terminate analog service. Such notifications were required to be made via the Commission's Informal Filing Form no later than 5:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time on March 17, 2009.²

As of the close of this filing deadline, 927 stations notified the Commission that they will continue to provide regular analog television broadcast programming to viewers until the end of the transition on June 12. These stations are listed in the attached Appendix A. The 158 stations that notified the Commission that they intend to terminate analog service prior to June 12, 2009, and the dates on which they propose to cease such service, are listed in Appendix B.³

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¹ Implementation of the DTV Delay Act, MB Docket No. 09-17, Third Report and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 09-19 (released March 13, 2009).

 $^{^{2}}$ *Id.* at ¶ 13.

³ The stations listed in Appendix B represent those that have notified the Commission that they intend to terminate analog service prior to June 12^{th} . The Commission will consider the notifications and determine whether any of the proposed early terminations would pose a significant risk of public harm. We will expeditiously provide public notice if any station will not be permitted to transition as proposed in its notification filing. *See id.* at ¶¶ 22-31.