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CABLE SERVICES BUREAU ACTION

March 24, 2000

PETITION FOR SPECIAL RELIEF SEEKING COMMISSION ORDER TO DISCONTINUE STRIPPING INFORMATION FROM BROADCAST VBI **CSR 5528-Z**

Pursuant to Section 76.7 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 76.7, Gemstar International Group, Ltd. and its wholly-owned subsidiary Gemstar Development Corp. (collectively "Gemstar") filed a petition for special relief asking the Commission to order Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") to discontinue removing data provided by Gemstar in the vertical blanking interval (VBI) of local broadcast television stations carried on Time Warner's cable systems.

For purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules, this proceeding will be considered as nonrestricted pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules ("Permit-but-disclose proceeding")

Comments and oppositions to Gemstar's petition must be filed within 20 days of the release of this public notice. Replies are due 10 days thereafter. All filings should reference the case identifier assigned to this proceeding, CSR 5528-Z.

The petition is available for public inspection in the Commission's Reference Information Center:

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Copies of the Petition and other pleadings are available for purchase from:

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