

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

In the Matter of)
Applications for Consent to the Assignment) MB Docket No. 05-192
and/or Transfer of Control of Licenses)
Adelphia Communications Corporation,)
(and subsidiaries, debtors-in-possession),)
Assignors,)
to)
Time Warner Cable Inc. (subsidiaries),)
Assignees;)
Adelphia Communications Corporation,)
(and subsidiaries, debtors-in-possession),)
Assignors and Transferors,)
to)
Comcast Corporation (subsidiaries),)
Assignees and Transferees;)
Comcast Corporation, Transferor,)
to)
Time Warner Inc., Transferee;)
Time Warner Inc., Transferor,)
to)
Comcast Corporation, Transferee)

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME

Adopted: September 18, 2007

Released: September 19, 2007

By the Chief, Media Bureau:

1. On July 13, 2006, the Commission approved with conditions the sale of substantially all of the cable systems and assets of Adelphia Communications Corporation ("Adelphia") to Time Warner Inc. ("Time Warner")1 and Comcast Corporation ("Comcast"), the exchange of certain cable systems and assets between affiliates or subsidiaries of Time Warner and Comcast, and the redemption of Comcast's interests in Time Warner Cable Inc. and Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P.2 One of the Commission's conditions was the requirement that, within 60 days after consummation of the

1 As used throughout this Order, the term "Time Warner" will refer generally to both Time Warner Inc. and its subsidiary, Time Warner Cable Inc.

2 Applications for Consent to the Assignment and/or Transfer of Control of Licenses Adelphia Communications Corporation, (and subsidiaries, debtors-in-possession), Assignors, to Time Warner Cable Inc. (subsidiaries), Assignees; Adelphia Communications Corporation, (and subsidiaries, debtors-in-possession), Assignors and Transferors, to Comcast Corporation (subsidiaries), Assignees and Transferees; Comcast Corporation, Transferor, to Time Warner Inc., Transferee; Time Warner Inc., Transferor, to Comcast Corporation, Transferee, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 21 FCC Rcd 8203 (July 21, 2006).

transactions, Time Warner and Comcast each provide to the Commission an affidavit signed by a competent officer of the company certifying that the requirements of section 76.501(d) and (e) of the Commission's rules (the "cable/SMATV cross-ownership rule") had been satisfied.³ Because the transactions were consummated on July 31, 2006, the original deadline for certifying compliance with the cable/SMATV cross-ownership rule was September 29, 2006.⁴

2. Time Warner brought some of its acquired SMATV systems into compliance by the September deadline. The Media Bureau granted Time Warner various extensions of time to bring its remaining SMATV systems into compliance. As of August 1, 2007, Time Warner had certified compliance for all but one of its SMATV systems subject to the cross-ownership rule.⁵ The Media Bureau granted Time Warner an extension until October 1, 2007, to certify compliance for this final system, which is located in the Los Angeles area.⁶

3. On September 10, 2007, Time Warner submitted a letter requesting a 60-day extension, until November 30, 2007, to certify compliance for this system.⁷ Time Warner claims that due to a number of complications, it has experienced significant delays in reaching a final agreement for interconnection at this final property.⁸ It notes that it has actively pursued negotiations in an effort to reach the agreements necessary to permit interconnection. After numerous meetings and phone conversations, Time Warner remains hopeful that execution of these documents is imminent. However, according to Time Warner, even if it receives the executed documents within the next few weeks, it would need additional time (most likely several weeks) to provide any required subscriber notices and complete the integration of this property. Rather than terminate service to the affected subscribers, Time Warner seeks an additional 60 days to pursue interconnection of the system.

4. We believe that granting Time Warner a further extension of time, until November 30, 2007, to complete interconnection for the Los Angeles SMATV property serves the public interest and will not unduly harm diversity or competition in the relevant markets. Denying Time Warner's requests would result in termination of service to the affected subscribers. We seek to avoid this outcome if possible. Given Time Warner's showing that it has made concerted efforts to bring this system into compliance with the rule, we grant Time Warner this further extension of time to comply with the cable/SMATV cross-ownership rule so that service may be continued to the subscribers of this system. Accordingly, we require Time Warner to provide by the new deadline an affidavit signed by a competent

³ Section 76.501 prohibits cable operators from offering satellite master antenna television ("SMATV") service separate and apart from any franchised cable service in any portion of a franchise area served by the cable operator or its affiliates, unless the service is offered in accordance with the terms of a cable franchise agreement. 47 C.F.R. § 76.501(d), (e).

⁴ Letter from Arthur H. Harding, Fleischman and Walsh, L.L.P., Counsel for Time Warner, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (Aug. 1, 2006) at 1.

⁵ Letter from Arthur H. Harding, Fleischman and Walsh, L.L.P., Counsel for Time Warner, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (Sep. 10, 2007) ("September 10 Letter").

⁶ *Applications for Consent to the Assignment and/or Transfer of Control of Licenses Adelphia Communications Corporation, (and subsidiaries, debtors-in-possession), Assignors, to Time Warner Cable Inc. (subsidiaries), Assignees; Adelphia Communications Corporation, (and subsidiaries, debtors-in-possession), Assignors and Transferors, to Comcast Corporation (subsidiaries), Assignees and Transferees; Comcast Corporation, Transferor, to Time Warner Inc., Transferee; Time Warner Inc., Transferor, to Comcast Corporation, Transferee*, Order Granting Additional Request for Further Extension of Time, MB Docket No. 05-192, DA 07-2401 (MB June 13, 2007).

⁷ See September 10 Letter.

⁸ September 10 Letter at 2 n. 4.

officer of the company certifying compliance with the cable/SMATV cross-ownership rule for this remaining system.

5. This action is taken pursuant to authority delegated by section 0.283 of the Commission's rules.⁹

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⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 0.283.