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MEDIA BUREAU ACTION

MEDIA BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THOMSON'S LOW-COST, LIMITED CAPABILITY SET-TOP BOX CERTIFICATION

CSR-8178-Z

Comment Date: June 29, 2009

On June 1, 2009, the Commission released an order granting a request by Evolution Broadband, LLC ("Evolution") for a waiver of Section 76.1204(a)(1) of the Commission's rules,¹ which prohibits cable operators from placing into service navigation devices that perform both conditional access and other functions.² The Commission concluded that the Evolution Broadband DMS-1002 and DMS-1002-CA set-top boxes were eligible for waiver of the integration ban pursuant to the "low-cost, limited-capability" standard set forth in the Commission's 2005 *Deferral Order*.³ In the *Evolution Order*, the Commission set forth a streamlined process for other applicants to seek waivers for similarly low-cost, limited-capability devices:

If applicants certify that the capabilities of their navigation devices are low-cost, limited capability devices that are no more advanced than the [Evolution Broadband DMS-1002 and DMS-1002-CA set-top boxes] and include the full specifications of any devices for which waiver is sought, the Media Bureau will release a public notice seeking comment on those certifications for a period of ten calendar days, after which the Bureau will expeditiously grant a waiver similar to the one granted herein, deny such a waiver, or take other appropriate action.⁴

Thomson, Inc. has filed a request for waiver pursuant to this streamlined process, certifying that its DCI104 and DCI105 Digital-To-Analog Cable TV Converters are low-cost, limited-capability devices

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 76.1204(a)(1). The Commission commonly refers to this rule as the "integration ban."

² *Evolution Broadband, LLC's Request for Waiver of Section 76.1204(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 09-46 (June 1, 2009) ("*Evolution Order*").

³ *See Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices*, 20 FCC Rcd 6794, 6813, ¶ 37 (2005) ("*2005 Deferral Order*").

⁴ *Id.* at ¶ 15.

that are no more advanced than the Evolution Broadband DMS-1002 and DMS-1002-CA.⁵ The Media Bureau seeks comment on this certification.⁶

This proceeding will be treated as “permit but disclose” for purposes of the Commission’s *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. As a result of the permit-but-disclose status of this proceeding, *ex parte* presentations will be governed by the procedures set forth in Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules applicable to non-restricted proceedings.⁷

Comments and oppositions are due June 29, 2009. All filings should refer to the case identifier, CSR-8178-Z. Pleadings sent via e-mail to the Commission will be considered informal and will not be part of the official record. Comments and oppositions filed must indicate that they have been served on Petitioner. All comments and oppositions must be served on counsel for Petitioner:

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Parties must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The Commission’s contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of *before* entering the building.

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One copy of each pleading must be sent to Brendan Murray, Media Bureau, Room 4-A737, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554 or Brendan.Murray@fcc.gov.

⁵ See *Thomson Inc.’s Request for Waiver of Section 76.1204(a)(1) of the Commission’s Rules*, CSR-8178-Z attaching Declaration of Frederic Kurkjian, Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales and Customer Programs, Thomson, Inc. (filed June 11, 2009).

⁶ Commenters should limit their comments to the issue of whether the DCI104 and DCI105 Digital-To-Analog Cable TV Converters are more advanced than the Evolution Broadband DMS-1002 and DMS-1002-CA. The Bureau does not seek comment on the policy implications of issues resolved in the *Evolution Order*.

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

Copies of the Waiver Request and any subsequently filed documents in this matter are also available for inspection in the Commission's Reference Information Center:

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