

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

In the Matter of	)	
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DIRECTV Sports Net Pittsburgh, LLC,	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	File No. CSR-8480-P
	)	
Armstrong Utilities, Inc.,	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER**

**Adopted: June 8, 2011**

**Released: June 8, 2011**

By the Chief, Media Bureau:

1. By this Order, we extend for an additional 60 days, on our own motion, the deadline for Commission action on the Petition for *De Novo* Review (“*Petition*”)<sup>1</sup> filed by DIRECTV Sports Net Pittsburgh, LLC (“DSNP”) on April 13, 2011, in the above-captioned matter pertaining to the fair market value of DSNP’s regional sports network programming. DSNP filed its *Petition* seeking review of an adverse ruling in an arbitration proceeding<sup>2</sup> conducted pursuant to a condition in the *Liberty Media Order*.<sup>3</sup> Under the *Liberty Media Order*, the Commission must act on DSNP’s *Petition* not more than 60 days after it was filed (*i.e.*, by June 10, 2011), but may extend this review period for an additional 60 days (*i.e.*, by August 11, 2011).<sup>4</sup> Given the substantial record compiled in the course of this arbitration proceeding and the complexity of the issues, we find that extending the review period for an additional 60 days will enable the Commission to review more fully the arbitration decision at issue, and thus serves the public interest.

2. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED**, pursuant to Sections 4(i) and 4(j) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), (j), that the deadline for Commission action on DSNP’s Petition for *De Novo* Review is **EXTENDED** for a period of 60 days to August 11, 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> See *DIRECTV Sports Net Pittsburgh, LLC*, Petition for *De Novo* Review, File No. CSR-8480-P (April 13, 2011).

<sup>2</sup> See *In the Matter of Arbitration between Armstrong Utilities, Inc., Claimant, and DIRECTV Sports Net Pittsburgh, LLC, Respondent*, Case No. 55 472 E 00247 10, Decision and Award (March 14, 2011).

<sup>3</sup> That condition provides that when negotiations fail to produce a mutually acceptable set of price, terms, and conditions for carriage of a non-broadcast regional sports network owned, managed, or controlled by Liberty Media, an MVPD may choose to submit the dispute to commercial arbitration. See *Applications for Consent to the Assignment and/or Transfer of Control of Licenses, News Corporation. and The DIRECTV Group, Inc., Transferors, to Liberty Media Corporation., Transferee*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, MB Docket No. 07-18, 23 FCC Rcd 3265, 3346 (2008), Appendix B, § IV.A, Commercial Arbitration Remedy (“*Liberty Media Order*”).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 3348, § C.1 (“The Commission shall issue its findings and conclusions not more than 60 days after receipt of the petition, which may be extended by the Commission for one period of 60 days.”).

3. This action is taken pursuant to authority delegated by Section 0.283 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.283.

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