

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

In the Matter of)	
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Verizon Telephone Companies and)	File No. CSR-8185-P
Verizon Services Corp.,)	
Complainants,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
Madison Square Garden, L.P. and)	
Cablevision Systems Corp.,)	
Defendants)	

ORDER

Adopted: October 11, 2011

Released: October 11, 2011

By the Chief, Media Bureau

1. On September 22, 2011, the Media Bureau (“Bureau”) issued an Order finding that MSG Holdings, L.P. (“MSG”; formerly Madison Square Garden, L.P.) and Cablevision Systems Corporation (“Cablevision”) (MSG and Cablevision together, the “Defendants”) violated Section 628(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”)¹ and Section 76.1001(a) of the Commission’s rules² by withholding the high definition (“HD”) versions of the MSG and MSG+ Regional Sports Networks (“RSNs”) from Verizon Telephone Companies and Verizon Services Corporation (collectively, “Verizon”) in the New York and Buffalo Designated Market Areas (“DMAs”).³ The *Order* requires MSG to enter into an agreement to license such programming to Verizon within 30 days of the release of the *Order* (by October 22, 2011) (the “agreement deadline”).⁴ On September 28, 2011, Defendants filed with the Commission a Petition for Stay and an Application for Review of the *Order*.⁵ In particular, Defendants assert in their *Petition* that they will suffer irreparable harm from having to deliver their RSN programming to Verizon under the *Order*.⁶ We hereby retain the agreement deadline but stay the *Order* to the extent it would otherwise require MSG to make the programming available to Verizon on or before November 14, 2011. We take this action on our own motion to provide the Commission an opportunity to consider the Defendants’ *Petition* and Application for Review.⁷

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 548(b).

² See 47 C.F.R. § 76.1001(a).

³ See *Verizon Tel. Cos. et al.*, Order, DA 11-1594 (MB 2011) (“*Order*”).

⁴ See *Order* at ¶¶ 70, 83.

⁵ See MSG Holdings, L.P. and Cablevision Systems Corporation, Petition for Stay (“*Petition*”), File No. CSR-8185-P (filed Sept. 28, 2011); MSG Holdings, L.P. and Cablevision Systems Corporation, Application for Review, File No. CSR-8185-P (filed Sept. 28, 2011).

⁶ See *Petition* at 35-42.

⁷ In taking this action on our own motion for administrative purposes, we express no view whether Defendants’ showings in the *Petition* satisfy any of the requirements for a stay.

2. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to Sections 4(i), 4(j), and 628 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), and 548, and Sections 76.1001 and 76.1003 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 76.1001, 76.1003, the Order **IS STAYED** to the extent indicated above.

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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