

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

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

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") and Section 76.1001(a) of the Commission's rules 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"). 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"). On September 28, 2011, Defendants filed with the Commission a Petition for Stay and an Application for Review of the Order. 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. 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.

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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