

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

In the Matter of)
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Cable Television Technical and Operational) MB Docket No. 12-217
Requirements)
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ORDER

Extended Reply Comment Date: January 25, 2013

Adopted: December 21, 2012

Released: December 21, 2012

By the Chief, Media Bureau:

1. On October 9, 2012, the Federal Register published a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“NPRM”) in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ That *NPRM* established a comment deadline of December 8, 2012, and a reply comment deadline of January 7, 2013. On December 21, 2012, the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (“NATOA”) requested that the reply comment deadline be extended by five weeks, to allow for additional time to compile records in response to assertions made by other commenters, and to permit time for discussions with other commenters regarding differences in the positions taken in their comments.² We grant NATOA’s request in part.

2. As set forth in Section 1.46(a) of the Commission’s Rules,³ the Commission’s policy is that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted. Given the importance of the issues in this proceeding, and in the interest of encouraging thoughtful consideration of these issues, however, we believe that granting in part NATOA’s request is necessary to facilitate the development of a full record. However, we feel that five weeks is unnecessarily long to accomplish these goals and note that parties may avail themselves of the *ex parte* process after the submission of their reply comments if necessary. Therefore, we grant an extension of 18 days, until January 25, 2013 for file reply comments.

3. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and Sections 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46, the Motion for Extension of Time filed by NATOA **IS GRANTED IN PART**, and the deadline to file reply comments in this proceeding is extended to January 25, 2013.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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¹ *Cable Technical and Operational Requirements*, MB Docket No. 12-217, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-86, 77 FR 61351 (Oct. 9, 2012).

² Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (filed Dec. 21, 2012).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.