

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

	)	Case Identifier Nos.
	)	CGB-CC-0203
	)	CGB-CC-0287
	)	CGB-CC-0572
	)	CGB-CC-0923
In the Matter of	)	CGB-CC-1019
	)	CGB-CC-1032
Closed Captioning of Video Programming	)	CGB-CC-1170
	)	CGB-CC-1240
	)	CGB-CC-1243
	)	CGB-CC-1252
	)	CGB-CC-1253
	)	CGB-CC-1256
	)	CG Docket No. 06-181

ORDER

Extended Comment and Opposition Date: January 14, 2013

Extended Reply Comment Date: February 4, 2013

Adopted: December 21, 2012

Released: December 21, 2012

By the Acting Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau:

1. On November 30, 2012, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) released a *Public Notice* in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ The *Public Notice* sought comment on 12 petitions for exemption from the Commission’s closed captioning requirements.² Petitioners claim that compliance would be economically burdensome pursuant to Section 79.1(f) of the Commission’s rules for the television programs they produce.³ Comments and oppositions are due on December 31, 2012, and reply comments are due on January 22, 2013.⁴ On December 20, 2012, Consumer Groups filed a joint request to extend the comment deadline until January 14, 2013.⁵

¹ See *Request for Comment, Request for Exemption from Commission’s Closed Captioning Rules*, CG Docket No. 06-181, Public Notice, DA 12-1923 (rel. Nov. 30, 2012).

² The names of the Petitioners are set forth in Appendix A.

³ See 47 C.F.R. §79.1(f)(1).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §79.1(f)(6) (Any interested person may file comments or oppositions to the petition within 30 days of the public notice of the petition. Within 20 days of the close of the comment period, the petitioner may reply to any comments or oppositions filed.).

⁵ Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI), National Association of the Deaf (NAD), Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network (DHHCAN), Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA), California Coalition of Agencies Serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCASDHH), Cerebral Palsy and Deaf Organization (CPADO), collectively “Consumer Groups,” Motion for Extension of Time, CG Docket No. 06-181 (filed Dec. 20, 2012) (*Consumer Groups Motion*).

2. As set forth in Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, extensions of time for filing comments in rulemaking proceedings shall not be routinely granted.⁶ Section 79.1(f)(8) of the Commission's closed captioning rules allows for the lengthening or shortening of any comment period upon a showing of good cause.⁷ Consumer Groups state that their counsel's offices at the Institute for Public Representation will be closed from December 24, 2012 until January 1, 2013, which "imposes serious administrative difficulties on filing and serving hard copies of comments, of which the Commission does not permit electronic filing in this proceeding."⁸ Consumer Groups contend that an extension of time will permit them to "comprehensively offer the perspective of the deaf and hard of hearing community on the important issues raised" in these petitions.⁹

3. Given the importance of the issues in this proceeding and the Commission's interest in encouraging thoughtful consideration of these issues, we believe that granting the joint request is warranted to provide commenters with sufficient time to prepare comments or oppositions in response to the *Public Notice*. Good cause being shown, we grant the requested extension.

4. 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, 1.46, and 79.1(f)(8) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.61, 0.283, 1.46, and 79.1(f)(8), the Motion for Extension of Time filed by the Consumer Groups **IS GRANTED**. Comments and oppositions will now be due on January 14, 2013, and reply comments will be due on February 4, 2013.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Kris Anne Monteith
Acting Chief,
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f)(8).

⁸ *Consumer Groups Motion* at 2. See 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f)(7).

⁹ *Consumer Groups Motion* at 2.

APPENDIX A
List of Petitioners

Case Identifier	Petitioner/Program Name	Address
CGB-CC-0203	First Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas / Hope From Above	PO Box 609 Fort Smith, AR 72902
CGB-CC-0287	Paul Gray / Exploring Alaska	35555 Spur Highway, #232 Soldotna, AK 99669
CGB-CC-0572	The Justice Foundation / Faces Of Abortion	7210 Louis Pasteur Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, TX 78229
CGB-CC-0923	Five & Dime Productions / You've Got To Be Kidding Me, America	2405 Porter Street, S.W. Wyoming, MI 49519
CGB-CC-1019	Iglesia de Cristo MI-EL Longmont	1602 9 th Avenue Longmont, CO 80501
CGB-CC-1032	C & G Productions, LLC. / DC Contigo	936 North Kenmore Street Arlington, VA 22201
CGB-CC-1170	Sheffield Entertainment Television / Gracie's Friends	1800 Eastwood Road #130 Wilmington, NC 28403
CGB-CC-1240	Watch Fatboy Films / Industry Chaos	817 Henry Street Portsmouth, VA 23704
CGB-CC-1243	Leon Charney Media Foundation Inc. / Leon Charney Report	1441 Broadway, 31F New York, NY 10016
CGB-CC-1252	Springfield Community Church / Living Word of Faith	615 Transmitter Road Panama City, FL 32401
CGB-CC-1253	Sharing Faith Ministries / Your Sunday Worship	PO Box 714 Walled Lake, MI 48390
CGB-CC-1256	Ocala First United Methodist Church / Sunday Morning Service	40 South East 11 th Avenue Ocala, FL 34471