

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

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In the Matter of)	
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Closed Captioning of Video Programming)	CG Docket No. 05-231
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Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of)	
Hearing, Inc.)	
Petition for Rulemaking)	

ORDER

Extended Comment Date: July 9, 2014
Extended Reply Comment Date: August 8, 2014

Adopted: June 17, 2014 **Released: June 17, 2014**

By the Acting Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau:

1. By this Order we extend the comment and reply comment deadlines in the above-captioned proceeding. On February 24, 2014, the Commission released a *Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*,¹ which specified a series of deadlines for filing comments and reply comments for various portions of the *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)*. For certain issues raised in the *FNPRM*, the comment and reply comment dates were set at 90 and 120 days after publication of the *FNPRM* in the Federal Register.² A summary of the *FNPRM* was published in the *Federal Register* on March 27, 2014.³ Accordingly, the filing dates were established as June 25, 2014, for comments, and July 25, 2014, for reply comments.

¹ See *Closed Captioning of Video Programming*, CG Docket No. 05-231, Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 2221 (2014).

² *Id.* For the section entitled “Responsibilities for Meeting the Closed Captioning Requirements,” *id.* at 2291-96, ¶¶ 122-130, the comments and reply comments were due 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the *FNPRM* in the Federal Register. For the remaining sections of the *FNPRM*, comments are due 90 days after publication in the Federal Register, and replies are due 120 days after publication in the Federal Register.

³ Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 79, Closed Captioning of Video Programming; Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Petition for Rulemaking, Proposed Rule, 79 FR 17093 (March 27, 2014).

2. On June 10, 2014, the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA)⁴ filed a request to extend the above comment and reply comment deadlines by fourteen (14) days each. NCTA contends that the “expedited timeframe for resolving issues raised” in this proceeding requires the attention of a number of individuals who are currently working on a separate Commission proceeding related to captioning IP-delivered video clips.⁵ NCTA states that a two-week extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines will ensure that it has sufficient time to obtain information and coordinate responses from its members in order to prepare comments addressing the issues raised by the *FNPRM*. On June 16, 2014, a coalition of consumer organizations⁶ filed comments supporting NCTA’s request.⁷

3. As set forth in Section 1.46 of the Commission’s rules,⁸ the Commission’s policy is that extensions of time for filing comments in rulemaking proceedings shall not be routinely granted. In the instant case, however, we find that granting a brief extension of the comment and reply comment periods will serve the public interest by allowing NCTA and others to gather the information that they need to fully prepare their comments and reply comments and, thus, facilitate the development of a more complete record.

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 0.141, and 1.46 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.141, and 1.46, the Motion for Extension of Time filed by the National Cable & Telecommunications Association **IS GRANTED**, the deadline to file comments in this proceeding is extended to July 9, 2014, and the deadline to file reply comments is extended to August 8, 2014.

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⁴ NCTA describes itself as “the principal trade association for the U.S. cable industry, representing cable operators serving more than 90 percent of the nation’s cable television households and more than 200 cable program networks.”

⁵ *Media Bureau Seeks Comment on Application of the IP Closed Captioning Rules to Video Clips*, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 16699 (2013).

⁶ Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI), the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), the Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA), the Cerebral Palsy and Deaf Organization (CPADO), the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network (DHHCAN), and Speech Communication Assistance by Telephone (SCT) (collectively, Consumer Groups). The Technology Access Program at Gallaudet University (TAP) also joined with the Consumer Groups in the filing.

⁷ Consumer Groups and TAP, Support for NCTA’s Motion for Extension of Time, CG Docket No. 05-231, June 16, 2014 (corrected version).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).