

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

In the Matter of)	
)	
Game Show Network, LLC,)	MB Docket No. 12-122
Complainant)	
)	File No. CSR-8529-P
v.)	
)	
Cablevision Systems Corp.,)	
Defendant)	
)	

ORDER

Adopted: December 15, 2016

Released: December 15, 2016

By the Associate General Counsel, Administrative Law Division:

1. Pending before the Commission is a Request for a Page Limit Extension filed by Cablevision Systems Corporation (Cablevision) on December 5, 2016. Cablevision requests permission pursuant to Rule 1.48(b), 47 C.F.R. § 1.48(b), to file a 40-page brief in support of its exceptions to Chief Administrative Law Judge Sippel’s initial decision in this proceeding.¹ Cablevision asserts that it has conferred with Game Show Network, LLC (GSN), which does not oppose the request provided that it is afforded the same page limit for its opposition.²

2. Except by special permission, the consolidated supporting brief and exceptions to an initial decision will not be accepted if the exceptions and argument exceed 25 pages in length.³ Cablevision states that the parties in this proceeding have generated an extensive evidentiary record during more than five years of litigation, culminating in a hearing from July 7, 2015 through July 20, 2015 where the parties presented live testimony from 12 witnesses and submitted more than a thousand exhibits.⁴ The parties then submitted hundreds of pages of proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.⁵ Cablevision notes that it will be difficult to comprehensively address the numerous complex factual and legal questions that the Initial Decision presents, and that “an additional 15 pages of briefing for Cablevision’s exceptions and any opposition thereto will facilitate the Commission’s reasoned consideration of these questions in an efficient manner.”⁶

¹ *Game Show Network, LLC v. Cablevision Sys. Corp.*, MB Docket No. 12-122; File No. CSR-8529-P, Initial Decision, 16D-1 (Nov. 23, 2016) (Initial Decision).

² The Enforcement Bureau also has indicated that it does not oppose Cablevision’s request for a page limit extension.

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.277(c). Any other party’s reply brief is subject to the same page limit. *See id.*

⁴ Request at 1.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.* at 1-2.

3. Cablevision's request for an additional 15 pages will be granted. While the Commission does not routinely grant requests to file pleadings in excess of the page limits specified in the Commission's rules,⁷ Cablevision's timely filed request for an additional 15 pages for its exceptions (as well as for reply briefs) is supported by good cause. The Initial Decision is based on a large record and addresses a number of complex factual and legal questions related to carriage of video programming. In these circumstances, an additional 15 pages for Cablevision's exceptions and for reply briefs in response thereto is appropriate to facilitate the Commission's reasoned consideration of the issues in an efficient manner, and thus serves the public interest.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to the authority set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 0.251(c), Cablevision's Request for a Page Limit Extension IS GRANTED, and Cablevision IS AUTHORIZED to file a consolidated brief and exceptions not to exceed 40 pages in length. Parties filing in response to Cablevision's exceptions ARE AUTHORIZED to file reply briefs not to exceed 40 pages.

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⁷ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.48(b).