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## Notice of Effective Date for Television Closed Captioning Rules Governing the Responsibilities of Video Programming Distributors and Video Programmers

### CG Docket No. 05-231

On February 19, 2016, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) released the *Closed Captioning Responsibilities Order*, which allocates the responsibilities of video programming distributors (VPDs) and video programmers with respect to the provision and quality of closed captions on television programming.<sup>1</sup> The Commission ordered that the amendments to its rules shall be effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register unless otherwise noted.<sup>2</sup> The rule amendments were published in the Federal Register on August 23, 2016. Those rule amendments not specified in the following paragraph will become effective on September 22, 2016.<sup>3</sup>

The rule amendments contained in sections 79.1(g)(1) through (9), (i)(1) through (3), (j)(1) and (4), (k)(1)(iv), and (m),<sup>4</sup> which are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), shall be effective upon publication in the Federal Register of a notice announcing the approval by the Office of Management and Budget of the modified information collection requirements under the PRA and an effective date of the rule amendment.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Closed Captioning of Video Programming, Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc., Petition for Rulemaking*, Second Report and Order, 31 FCC Rcd 1469 (2016) (*Closed Captioning Responsibilities Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Closed Captioning Responsibilities Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 1514, para. 91.

<sup>3</sup> FCC, 47 CFR Part 79, *Closed Captioning of Video Programming; Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc., Petition for Rulemaking*, Final Rule, 81 Fed. Reg. 57473 (Aug. 23, 2016).

<sup>4</sup> 47 CFR §§ 79.1(g)(1) – (9), (i)(1) – (3), (j)(1) and (4), (k)(1)(iv), and (m).

<sup>5</sup> *Closed Captioning Responsibilities Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 1515, para. 92.