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## **Media Bureau Acts on Requests for Waiver of Rules on Integrated Set-Top Boxes**

Today the Media Bureau has resolved various set-top box waiver requests, furthering both pro-competition and pro-consumer policies.

These issues have been facing cable operators, the consumer electronics industry and the Commission for more than a decade. Now, with the date for compliance finally in sight, electronics manufacturers are eager to seize the opportunity to roll out new products.

### **The FCC's Media Bureau today:**

**Granted Charter Communications, Inc.'s, request for a waiver of the ban on integrated set-top boxes for seven set-top box models until July 1, 2008.** The Bureau found that the severe financial difficulties that Charter faces justified waiver.

**Granted conditional waivers of the integration ban to Millennium Telcom, LLC d/b/a OneSource Communications and GCI Cable, Inc..** The Bureau found that these operators' commitments to migrate their systems to all-digital on or before February 17, 2009 justified grant of the waivers. Among other things, migration to all-digital will facilitate the DTV transition and enable expanded service offerings. The Bureau denied Millennium's request for a waiver with respect to one set-top box model, finding Millenium's arguments that this high-end model was critical to its ability to migrate to all-digital unconvincing.

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