In the Matter of
Promoting Innovation and Competition in the Provision of Multichannel Video Programming Distribution Services

MB Docket No. 14-261

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI), through counsel, supports the National Association for Broadcasters’ (NAB) motion for extension of time and similarly requests that that the Federal Communications Commission grant a 30-day extension to the deadlines for responding to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-captioned proceeding.\(^1\) Comments are currently due on February 17, 2015 with reply comments due on March 4, 2015. TDI supports NAB’s 30-day extension request, which would result in an initial comment deadline of March 19, 2015 with reply comments due on April 3, 2015.

TDI, which has long advocated before the Commission on behalf of individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing, agrees with the NAB that “[t]he proposals in the NPRM raise a variety of complex public policy, legal and regulatory matters, all of which have a significant potential impact on television viewers and multiple segments of the video marketplace.”\(^2\) Chief among

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\(^2\) NAB Motion at 1.
these concerns for TDI is what impact the proposed rules will have on the millions of Americans who are deaf and hard of hearing and seek to access video programming. TDI supports efforts to bring greater innovation and competition into the Multichannel Video Programming Distributor (MVPD) market and welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposal. The Commission, however, should move carefully to ensure that its progress does not leave consumers who are deaf and hard of hearing without access to new MVPDs.

The proposed extension would give TDI and other interested parties additional time to fully consider these concerns and provide careful guidance to the Commission that is grounded in the text, structure, and purpose of the Communications Act. Granting TDI and NAB’s request would be in the public interest, as the additional time would ultimately improve the outcome of this rulemaking. TDI therefore respectfully requests that the Commission grant a 30-day extension to the filing deadlines in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted

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