

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

DA 89-1

In the Matter of )  
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Advanced Television Systems )  
and Their Impact on the )  
Existing Television Broadcast )  
Service )  
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Review of Technical and )  
Operational Requirements: )  
Part 73-E, Television Broadcast )  
Stations )  
)  
Reevaluation of the UHF Television )  
Channel and Distance Separation )  
Requirements of Part 73 of the )  
Commission's Rules )

MM Docket No. 87-268

FURTHER ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR FILING REPLY COMMENTS

Adopted: January 3, 1989

Released: January 4, 1989

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau:

1. On December 29, 1988, the National Association of Broadcasters (petitioner) filed a motion to extend the time for filing reply comments in this proceeding. The petitioner requests that the deadline for reply comments be extended from January 9, 1989 to February 8, 1989.

2. In support of its motion, the petitioner argues that the many comments filed in response to the Tentative Decision and Further Notice of Inquiry (Further Notice)<sup>1</sup> address a large number of complex issues that are of great importance to the broadcast industry, other media, and consumers. The petitioner states that in particular, extensive technical comments filed by advanced television system proponents warrant more careful and comprehensive

1 MM Docket 87-268, FCC 88-288 (released September 1, 1988).

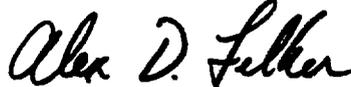
analysis than is possible in the 5 1/2-week period established for this purpose because of the numerous meetings held throughout the month of December of the Advanced Television Advisory Committee's Subcommittees, Working Parties and Sub-Groups of those working parties.

3. On October 14, 1988, in response to a petition filed by petitioners and other parties, we granted additional time for comments and reply comments in this proceeding.<sup>2</sup> Notwithstanding the earlier extension, we believe that for the reasons stated by the petitioner, good cause exists for granting even more time for filing reply comments because of the later events referred to above. However, the requested 30-day extension is excessive, given that the reply period as extended on October 14 is 40 days in length. Two additional weeks should be sufficient for thorough analysis of the record and submission of reply comments.

4. Therefore, IT IS ORDERED, that the date for filing reply comments on the Further Notice in MM Docket 87-268 is extended to **January 23, 1989**. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§154(i), 155(c) (1982 and Supp. V), and Section 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§0.283 (1987).

5. For further information contact David R. Siddall, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 632-7792.

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<sup>2</sup> See Advanced Television Systems and Their Impact on the Existing Television Broadcast Service (MM Docket 87-268), Order Extending Time for Filing Comments, 3 FCC Rcd 6197 (1988).