

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

In the Matter of)	
)	
Review of the Commission’s Program)	MB Docket No. 07-198
Access Rules and Examination of)	
Programming Tying Arrangements)	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

NBC Universal, Inc. (“NBCU”), pursuant to Section 1.46(b) of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(b), respectfully requests the Commission to extend the time for filing comments in the above-captioned proceeding by 45 days to and including January 14, 2008.¹ Comments currently are due on November 30, 2007, and reply comments are due on December 17, 2007.² The deadline for reply comments should be extended accordingly. Granting the requested extension will ensure that affected parties have a meaningful opportunity to develop a complete record for the Commission’s consideration in this important rulemaking proceeding.

An extension is particularly justified here in light of the relatively short comment period established by the Commission and given the complexity of the issues raised. In order to be responsive to the issues raised in the *Notice*, affected parties, including NBCU, need additional time to compile and analyze a wide variety of relevant industry data that will address the “status

¹ *In re Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 – Development of Competition and Diversity in Video Programming Distribution: Section 628(c)(5) of the Communications Act: Sunset of Exclusive Contract Prohibition; Review of the Commission’s Program Access Rules and Examination of Programming Tying Arrangements*, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket Nos. 07-29 and 07-198 (rel. Oct. 1, 2007) (“*Notice*”).

² See Public Notice, *Media Bureau Announces Comment and Reply Comment Dates for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Review of the Commission’s Program Access Rules and Examination of Programming Tying Arrangements*, MB Docket No. 07-198 (rel. Nov. 1, 2007).

of carriage negotiations in today's marketplace," as requested by the Commission.³ NBCU also intends to retain an economist to prepare an expert report responsive to the issues raised in the *Notice*. These tasks will take longer than the 30-day comment period currently contemplated by the *Notice*. Accordingly, the requested extension would serve the public interest by ensuring that those who wish to participate in this proceeding have adequate time to file well-researched comments and supporting materials. Grant of the requested brief extension would not cause any harm or prejudice to the Commission, any interested party or any member of the public.

For all of the foregoing reasons, NBCU respectfully requests the Commission to extend the deadline for filing comments in this proceeding to and including January 14, 2008. This extension will serve the public interest by facilitating the submission of thorough and meaningful comments, which in turn will furnish the Commission with a more complete and informative record on which to base its decisions in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ *Notice*, ¶¶ 125, 130.