

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

MM Docket No. 85-38

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In the Matter of

Review of the Technical and
Operational Requirements of
Part 76, Cable Television

FOOTNOTE

¹ See Federal Register / Vol. 53, No. 202 / Wednesday, October 19, 1988.

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING
REPLY COMMENTS**

Adopted: January 9, 1989; Released: January 10, 1989

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau:

1. On October 11, 1988, the Commission released a *Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Further Notice)* in the captioned matter.¹ The *Further Notice* proposes to extend the technical signal quality guidelines and policies the Commission adopted for Class I cable channels, in the *Report and Order* in this proceeding, to the television transmissions on Class II, III, and IV cable channels. Comments on the proposal were to be filed on or before December 12, 1988, with replies on or before January 11, 1989. On December 29, 1988, the National Cable Television Association, Inc. (NCTA) filed a motion requesting that the comment reply period be extended to February 11, 1989.

2. In its motion, NCTA asserts that a number of first-round comments filed at this stage of the proceeding contain proposals for specific and, in some cases, extensive new cable technical standards. NCTA states that the standards submitted in the comments go far beyond the existing guidelines and require expert engineering analysis. For example, NCTA states that it intends to seek broad input and assistance from the cable industry engineering community in reviewing the standards proposed in the comments. In view of the complex nature of these purported proposals, NCTA believes an extension in the reply comment period is necessary to allow it and other interested members of the industry to fully evaluate them.

3. In light of the complexities of the technical standards, and related policy issues as referenced in the *Further Notice*, we believe that additional time for filing reply comments is warranted, and that the public interest would be served by a grant of NCTA's request.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT the Motion for Extension of Reply Comment Period filed by the National Cable Television Association, Inc. IS GRANTED and that the date for filing reply comments is EXTENDED to February 11, 1989.

5. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Section 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended and Sections 0.204(b), 0.283, 1.46 and 1.45 of the Commission's Rules.