

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

DA 95-973

In the Matter of)
)
TELEPHONE COMPANY -) CC Docket No. 87-266
CABLE TELEVISION)
Cross Ownership Rules,)
Sections 63.54 - 63.58)

ORDER

Adopted: April 28, 1995

Released: April 28, 1995

By the Chiefs, Policy and Rules Division, Cable Services Bureau, and
Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. On April 3, 1995, the Common Carrier Bureau and the Cable Services Bureau (collectively, the "Bureaus") issued a Public Notice (DA 95-665) (the "Notice"), seeking supplemental comment to assist the Bureaus in reviewing the record in the Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.¹ Primarily, the Notice sought supplemental comment on whether telephone companies should be granted blanket Section 214 authority to construct or acquire cable television systems within their local service areas.

2. The Notice originally requested that interested parties file supplemental comments on or before April 21, 1995, and reply comments on or before May 1, 1995. However, since the Commission unexpectedly closed early on April 21, the deadline for parties to file comments was extended to April 24, the next business day.

3. On April 26, 1995, the National Cable Television Association ("NCTA") filed a request for an extension of time to submit reply comments from May 1 to May 4, 1995. NCTA states that the three-day extension is intended to provide parties with the same ten-day period between comments and replies originally contemplated by the Bureaus, and that this ten-day period is necessary in order to permit the parties to acquire copies of the comments and prepare responses.

¹ FCC 95-20, CC Docket No. 87-266 (released January 20, 1995).

4. While we do not routinely grant extensions of time,² we agree that the parties should be given the full ten days, as contemplated by the Notice, to reply to the supplemental comments. We also note that this short extension will not delay in any way the resolution of the issues raised by the Fourth Further Notice.

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, that the Motion For Extension Of Time filed by NCTA IS GRANTED.³ Interested parties may now file reply comments relating to the Notice on or before May 4, 1995.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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² See Section 1.46(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

³ This action is taken pursuant to Section 4(j) and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(j) and 155(c), and authority delegated thereunder pursuant to Section 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291.