

**Date sent:** Friday, May 18, 2012  
**Subject:** Comment on DiMA petitions for exemption or waiver of new closed captioning rule

On May 16, 2012, the Media Bureau released a public notice requesting comment on two petitions filed by the Digital Media Association (DiMA). DiMA requests a temporary exemption or waiver of certain provisions of the new Internet protocol closed captioning requirements.

In the first petition, DiMA requests a temporary exemption or waiver until January 1, 2014, from the requirement that applications, plug-ins, or devices provided by video programming distributors (VPDs) comply with the user configuration and formatting requirements of the Commission's closed captioning rules.

In the second petition, DiMA requests a temporary exemption or waiver until January 1, 2014, from the rule that relates to rendering, but not the pass-through, of captions. The exemption or waiver would apply to VPDs that do not currently provide closed captioning.

**Comment Due Date: June 15, 2012**  
**Reply Comment Due Date: July 2, 2012**

Links to the Public Notice released May 16, 2012:

[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2012/db0516/DA-12-775A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0516/DA-12-775A1.pdf)  
[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2012/db0516/DA-12-775A1.doc](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0516/DA-12-775A1.doc)  
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Digital Media Association Petition for Temporary Partial Exemption or Limited Waiver:  
<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7021917009>

Digital Media Association Petition for Temporary Partial Exemption or Limited Waiver from the Provisions of Section 79.4(c)(2)(i) Relating to the Rendering of Captions, Including to the Applications, Plug-Ins, or Devices Provided by a VPD:  
<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7021917008>

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