

**Date:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014  
**Subject:** Deadline Set for Oppositions to Petition for Reconsideration

**Oppositions Due: February 18, 2014**  
**Replies to Oppositions Due: February 25, 2014**

On October 29, 2013, the Commission adopted an Order requiring devices used to watch television programs to have something like a button, key, or icon to turn on closed captioning or video descriptions. (The Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA) directed the Commission to adopt this requirement.)

The Commission's Order stated, that "a dedicated button, key, or icon; voice commands; gestures; and a single step activation from the same location as the volume controls" would comply with this requirement.

On January 20, 2014, the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), along with other groups representing individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and the Technology Access Program at Gallaudet University, filed a Petition for Reconsideration. They request the Commission to "reconsider allowing voice commands and gestures . . . for activating the closed captioning or accessibility features" because voice commands may not be accessible to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, and gestures may not be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Oppositions to the Petition must be filed by February 18, 2014.  
Replies to an opposition must be filed by February 25, 2014.

**Link to the Petition for Reconsideration:** <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7521066871>.

**Links to the Public Notice announcing the filing of the Petition for Reconsideration:**

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