

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

In the Matter of	)	
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Digital Broadcast Copy Protection	)	MB Docket No. 02-230
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**ORDER**

**Adopted: October 10, 2002**

**Released: October 11, 2002**

By the Chief, Media Bureau:

1. On August 9, 2002, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“*NPRM*”) seeking comment on whether a regulatory copy protection regime is needed to protect digital broadcast television.<sup>1</sup> The *NPRM* states that interested parties may file comments by October 30, 2002, and reply comments by December 13, 2002.

2. On October 8, 2002, Public Knowledge, the Center for Democracy and Technology and Consumers Union (collectively, “PK, *et al.*”) filed a motion to extend the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in this proceeding to November 29, 2002, and January 13, 2003, respectively. Specifically, PK, *et al.* requests an extension of time in order to allow it to complete a technical analysis of issues raised by the *NPRM*.<sup>2</sup> PK, *et al.* states that this will benefit the public interest by ensuring that the Commission has a complete record before it on the consumer and technological impacts of the broadcast flag.<sup>3</sup>

3. It is not Commission policy to routinely grant extensions of time.<sup>4</sup> However, in light of the complex technical issues presented in this proceeding, and to allow parties to submit comments that will result in a more fully-developed record, the Media Bureau will grant the extension requested by PK, *et al.* In recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday on November 28, 2002, we will adjust the requested deadline for filing comments and reply comments to **December 6, 2002**, and **January 17, 2003**, respectively.

<sup>1</sup> *Digital Broadcast Copy Protection*, MB Docket No. 02-230, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (rel. Aug. 9, 2002).

<sup>2</sup> *Digital Broadcast Copy Protection*, MB Docket No. 02-230, Request for Extension of Time to File Comments (filed Oct. 8, 2002) (“*Request for Extension*”).

<sup>3</sup> *Request for Extension* at 1.

<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

4. **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to Sections 4(i), 4(j) and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j) and 155(c), and Sections 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46, the request for extension of time filed by Public Knowledge, the Center for Democracy and Technology and Consumers Union **IS GRANTED**.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Chief, Media Bureau