

**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: January 2, 2003**

**Released: January 3, 2003**

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. By an *Order* dated October 11, 2002, the Media Bureau granted an extension request filed by Public Knowledge, the Center for Democracy and Technology and Consumers Union to extend the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in this proceeding to December 6, 2002, and January 17, 2003, respectively.<sup>2</sup>

2. On December 19, 2002, the American Library Association, the American Association of Law Libraries, the Association of Research Libraries, the Medical Library Association and the Special Library Association (collectively, “Libraries”) filed a motion to extend the deadline for filing reply comments in this proceeding to March 17, 2003. Specifically, Libraries request an extension of time in order to allow it to complete a review of the numerous comments filed in response to the *NPRM*.<sup>3</sup>

3. It is not Commission policy to routinely grant extensions of time.<sup>4</sup> However, to allow parties to submit reply comments that will result in a more fully-developed record, the Media Bureau will grant a limited extension of the deadline for filing reply comments to February 18, 2003.

<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, Order (rel. Oct. 11, 2002).

<sup>3</sup> *Digital Broadcast Copy Protection*, MB Docket No. 02-230, Request for Extension of Time Until March 17, 2003 In Which to File Reply Comments (filed Dec. 19, 2002) (“*Request for Extension*”).

<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 the American Library Association, the American Association of Law Libraries, the Association of Research Libraries, the Medical Library Association and the Special Library Association **IS GRANTED** to the extent described herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Chief, Media Bureau