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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATES OF CABLECARD RULES

CS Docket No. 97-80; PP Docket No. 00-67

The Commission released a Third Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration (“*Order*”) in this docket in which the Commission adopted several rules to reform the CableCARD regime.¹ In the *Order*, the Commission stated that the rules would become effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register, except for rule sections that contain information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, which would become effective immediately upon announcement in the Federal Register of approval from the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”).²

The Federal Register published the *Order* on July 8, 2011³ and the notice of OMB’s approval of the information collections on July 25, 2011.⁴ The rules adopted in the *Order* are effective on **August 8**,

¹ See *Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices; Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment; Oceanic Time Warner Cable, A subsidiary of Time Warner Cable, Inc.; Oceanic Time Warner Cable, a division of Time Warner Cable, Inc. Oceanic Kauai Cable System; Oceanic Time Warner Cable, a division of Time Warner Cable, Inc. Oceanic Oahu Central Cable System; Cox Communications, Inc. Fairfax County, Virginia Cable System; Cable One, Inc.’s Request for Waiver of Section 76.1204(a)(1) of the Commission’s Rules*, 25 FCC Rcd 14657 (2010). The rules that will become effective on August 8, 2011 reflect modifications that the Commission adopted in a subsequent *Order on Reconsideration and Erratum. Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices; Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment; Evolution Broadband, LLC’s Request for Waiver of Section 76.1204(a)(1) of the Commission’s Rules*, 26 FCC Rcd 791 (2011); *Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices; Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment; Oceanic Time Warner Cable, A subsidiary of Time Warner Cable, Inc.; Oceanic Time Warner Cable, a division of Time Warner Cable, Inc. Oceanic Kauai Cable System; Oceanic Time Warner Cable, a division of Time Warner Cable, Inc. Oceanic Oahu Central Cable System; Cox Communications, Inc. Fairfax County, Virginia Cable System; Cable One, Inc.’s Request for Waiver of Section 76.1204(a)(1) of the Commission’s Rules*, Erratum, DA 11-1117 (rel. June 28, 2011).

² *Order*, 25 FCC Rcd at 14690, ¶ 78.

³ 76 FR 40263 (July 8, 2011).

⁴ 76 FR 44279 (July 25, 2011). Rather than being effective immediately upon publication of OMB approval in the Federal Register, those rules will have the same effective date as the other rules adopted in the *Order*: August 8, 2011.

2011, with two exceptions. First, Section 76.640(b)(4)(iii), which requires cable operators to include a home networking output on high-definition set-top boxes (except for unidirectional, non-recording set-top boxes), has an effective date of **December 1, 2012**. Second, and only with respect to operators that did not previously offer self install for leased boxes or cable modems and needed time to establish the necessary customer support infrastructure, Section 76.1205(b)(1)'s requirement that cable operators provide the means to allow subscribers to self-install CableCARDS becomes effective on **November 1, 2011**.

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