



# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD

### ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CABLE COMPULSORY LICENSE

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#### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

#### Copyright Office

#### 37 CFR Chapter II

#### [Docket No. 96-2]

#### Eligibility for the Cable Compulsory License

**AGENCY:** Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

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**SUMMARY:** The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is extending the period for filing reply comments in its rulemaking proceeding considering the eligibility of open video systems for the cable compulsory license.

**DATES:** Initial comments are due on or before July 5, 1996. Reply comments are due on or before September 13, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** If delivered **BY MAIL**, fifteen copies of written comments should be addressed to the Office of the Copyright General Counsel, Copyright GC/I&R, P.O. Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. If delivered **BY HAND**, fifteen copies of written comments should be brought to: Office of the Copyright General Counsel, James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM-407, First and Independence Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20540.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On May 6, 1996, the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress published a notice of inquiry to consider the eligibility of open video systems ("OVS") for the cable compulsory license, 17 U.S.C. 111. See 61 FR 20197 (May 6, 1996). Initial comments are due July 5, 1996, and reply comments are due August 5, 1996. It has recently come to the attention of the Office that the Federal Communications Commission will be completing a rulemaking proceeding regarding OVS in early August. Because the Commission's adoption of rules may have a bearing on the copyright inquiry, the Office is extending the period for filing reply comments in this proceeding to September 13, 1996, to allow interested parties to submit comments in light of the Commission's final OVS rules.

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