

open video system operator, its affiliate that provides video programming on its open video system and a satellite cable programming vendor in which an open video system operator has an attributable interest, as follows:

(i) *Unserved areas.* No open video system operator shall enter into any sub-distribution agreement or arrangement for satellite cable programming or satellite broadcast programming with a satellite cable programming vendor in which an open video system operator has an attributable interest or a satellite broadcast programming vendor in which an open video system operator has an attributable interest for distribution to persons in areas not served by a cable operator as of October 5, 1992.

(ii) *Served areas.* No open video system operator shall enter into any sub-distribution agreement or arrangement for satellite cable programming or satellite broadcast programming with a satellite cable programming vendor in which an open video system operator has an attributable interest or a satellite broadcast programming vendor in which an open video system operator has an attributable interest, with respect to areas served by a cable operator, unless such agreement or arrangement complies with the limitations set forth in § 76.1002(c)(3)(iii).

(b) No open video system programming provider in which a cable operator has an attributable interest shall:

(1) Engage in any practice or activity or enter into any understanding or arrangement, including exclusive contracts, with a satellite cable programming vendor or satellite broadcast programming vendor for satellite cable programming or satellite broadcast programming that prevents a multi-channel video programming distributor from obtaining such programming from any satellite cable programming vendor in which a cable operator has an attributable interest, or any satellite broadcasting vendor in which a cable operator has an attributable interest for distribution to person in areas not served by a cable operator as of October 5, 1992.

(2) Enter into any exclusive contracts, or engage in any practice, activity or arrangement tantamount to an

exclusive contract, for satellite cable programming or satellite broadcast programming with a satellite cable programming vendor in which a cable operator has an attributable interest or a satellite broadcast programming vendor, unless the Commission determines in accordance with Section 76.1002(c)(4) that such a contract, practice, activity or arrangement is in the public interest.

§ 76.1508 Network non-duplication.

(a) Sections 76.92 through 76.97 shall apply to open video systems in accordance with the provisions contained in this section.

(b) Any provision of § 76.92 that refers to a “cable community unit” or “community unit” shall apply to an open video system or that portion of an open video system that operates or will operate within a separate and distinct community or municipal entity (including unincorporated communities within unincorporated areas and including single, discrete unincorporated areas). Any provision of § 76.92 that refers to a “cable television community” shall apply to an open video system community. Any provision of § 76.92 that refers to a “cable television system’s mandatory signal carriage obligations” shall apply to an open video system’s mandatory signal carriage obligations.

(c) Any provision of § 76.94 that refers to a “cable system operator” or “cable television system operator” shall apply to an open video system operator. Any provision of § 76.94 that refers to a “cable system” or “cable television system” shall apply to an open video system except § 76.94 (e) and (f) which shall apply to an open video system operator. Open video system operators shall make all notifications and information regarding the exercise of network non-duplication rights immediately available to all appropriate video programming provider on the system. An open video system operator shall not be subject to sanctions for any violation of these rules by an unaffiliated program supplier if the operator provided proper notices to the program supplier and subsequently took prompt steps to stop the distribution of

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the infringing program once it was notified of a violation.

(d) Any provision of § 76.95 that refers to a “cable system” or a “cable community unit” shall apply to an open video system or that portion of an open video system that operates or will operate within a separate and distinct community or municipal entity (including unincorporated communities within unincorporated areas and including single, discrete unincorporated areas).

§ 76.1509 Syndicated program exclusivity.

(a) Sections 76.151 through 76.163 shall apply to open video systems in accordance with the provisions contained in this section.

(b) Any provision of § 76.151 that refers to a “cable community unit” shall apply to an open video system.

(c) Any provision of § 76.155 that refers to a “cable system operator” or “cable television system operator” shall apply to an open video system operator. Any provision of § 76.155 that refers to a “cable system” or “cable television system” shall apply to an open video system except § 76.155(c) which shall apply to an open video system operator. Open video system operators shall make all notifications and information regarding exercise of syndicated program exclusivity rights immediately available to all appropriate video programming provider on the system. An open video system operator shall not be subject to sanctions for any violation of these rules by an unaffiliated program supplier if the operator provided proper notices to the program supplier and subsequently took prompt steps to stop the distribution of the infringing program once it was notified of a violation.

(d) Any provision of § 76.156 that refers to a “cable community” shall apply to an open video system community. Any provision of § 76.156 that refers to a “cable community unit” or “community unit” shall apply to an open video system or that portion of an open video system that operates or will operate within a separate and distinct community or municipal entity (including unincorporated communities

within unincorporated areas and including single, discrete unincorporated areas). Any provision of §§ 76.156 through 76.158, and 76.163 that refers to a “cable system” shall apply to an open video system.

(e) Any provision of § 76.159 that refers to “cable television” or a “cable system” shall apply to an open video system.

(f) Any provision of § 76.161 that refers to a “community unit” shall apply to an open video system or that portion of an open video system that is affected by this rule.

§ 76.1510 Application of certain Title VI provisions.

The following sections within part 76 shall also apply to open video systems; §§ 76.71, 76.73, 76.75, 76.77, 76.79, 76.1702, and 76.1802 (Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements); §§ 76.503 and 76.504 (ownership restrictions); § 76.981 (negative option billing); and §§ 76.1300, 76.1301 and 76.1302 (regulation of carriage agreements); provided, however, that these sections shall apply to open video systems only to the extent that they do not conflict with this subpart S. Section 631 of the Communications Act (subscriber privacy) shall also apply to open video systems.

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§ 76.1511 Fees.

An open video system operator may be subject to the payment of fees on the gross revenues of the operator for the provision of cable service imposed by a local franchising authority or other governmental entity, in lieu of the franchise fees permitted under Section 622 of the Communications Act. Local governments shall have the authority to assess and receive the gross revenue fee. Gross revenues under this paragraph means all gross revenues received by an open video system operator or its affiliates, including all revenues received from subscribers and all carriage revenues received from unaffiliated video programming providers. In addition gross revenues under this paragraph includes any advertising