

FCC Releases Final Rules on Closed Captioning for IP-Delivered Video Programming

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This afternoon, the FCC released its long-anticipated [Report and Order](#) (R&O) setting forth the Commission's new closed captioning rules for IP-delivered video programming, pursuant to the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA).

As [we explained](#) when the rules were first proposed in September, the CVAA directed the FCC to establish how and when certain IP-delivered video programming must be captioned, as well as the closed captioning capabilities for devices used to view video programming. The R&O adopts closed captioning requirements for owners, providers, and distributors of IP-delivered video programming; a safe harbor technical standard and delivery format for IP video captions; a staggered compliance schedule; complaint rules; and requirements for manufacturers of devices used to view the video programming at issue.

We are currently reviewing this comprehensive rulemaking, and will post our in-depth review next week, both here and on our [DWT Advisories](#) page.

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