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digital. The proposed 2006 deadline to have all TVs larger than 13 inches equipped with digital tuners would coincide with the target date Congress has set for ending analog transmissions. “ We need to push the transition to its conclusion as expeditiously as possible , ” Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy said. Broadcasters hailed the decision. Edward O. Fritts , chairman of the National Association of Broadcasters , said it was “ a powerful pro-consumer mechanism for moving the digital television transition forward. ”

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