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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR REPLY COMMENTS ON CTIA REQUEST TO COMMENCE RULEMAKING TO ESTABLISH FAIR LOCATION INFORMATION PRACTICES

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REPLY COMMENTS DUE: APRIL 24, 2001

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) extends the time for filing reply comments from April 17, 2001, to April 24, 2001, on a petition for rulemaking filed by the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association (CTIA), on which the Bureau sought comment through a Public Notice released on March 16, 2001.¹ The original schedule required comments to be filed on or before April 6, 2001, and reply comments, on or before April 17, 2001.

On March 26, 2001, Sprint Spectrum, L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS (Sprint) filed a motion to extend the reply comment deadline for 30 days from April 17, 2001, to May 7, 2001.² Sprint argues that six business days is not adequate time in which to review the comments due April 6 and prepare thorough and thoughtful reply comments on the important issues raised in CTIA's petition. According to Sprint, the petition's request for a rulemaking to adopt certain privacy principles governing carriers' treatment of wireless location information concerns an especially sensitive and complex subject.

We grant Sprint's motion, in part, and extend the deadline for the filing of reply comments from April 17 to April 24, 2001. In granting a shorter extension of time than sought by Sprint, we note that the March 16 Public Notice sought comment on CTIA's request for a rulemaking proceeding as a threshold matter in determining what steps, if any, to take to address the issues CTIA raises. If it is determined to proceed with a rulemaking, there will be an opportunity for interested parties to address the substance of CTIA's proposals and other issues raised in the context of a notice of proposed rulemaking. Thus, the Bureau believes that the seven-day extension of time we grant by this Public Notice offers all interested parties sufficient time to prepare thorough and thoughtful reply comments on the threshold question of whether the Commission should initiate a rulemaking proceeding on the CTIA request as raised in the March 16 Public Notice.

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¹ Public Notice, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Request to Commence Rulemaking to Establish Fair Location Information Practices, DA 01-69, released March 16, 2001 (March 16 Public Notice).

² Sprint, Motion to Extend the Reply Comment Deadline, filed March 26, 2001 (Sprint Motion).