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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS ON CURRENT STATE OF THE MARKET FOR LOCAL AND ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN MULTITENANT ENVIRONMENTS

WT Docket No. 99-217

On November 30, 2001, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) released a Public Notice seeking comment on the current state of the market for local and advanced telecommunications services in multitenant environments.¹ The *Comment Request PN* was released pursuant to the October 25, 2000 Competitive Networks Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("*Further Notice*")² in order to update the record and assess the effects of regulatory and market changes that had taken place since the release of the *Further Notice*. The *Comment Request PN* stated that comments were due by February 1, 2002.

The Real Access Alliance (RAA), an real estate industry association, has requested that the Bureau allow additional time in which to respond in order to compile a more complete and accurate record.³ Citing the breadth of information sought, as well as the intervening holiday season, the RAA states that it would be very difficult to conduct adequate surveys by February 1, 2002 and asks that comments be due on March 8, 2002.

¹ Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Requests Comment On Current State Of The Market For Local And Advanced Telecommunications Services In Multitenant Environments, Public Notice, DA 01-2751 (November 30, 2001) ("*Comment Request PN*").

² Promotion of Competitive Networks in Local Telecommunications Markets, *First Report and Order in WT Docket No. 99-217, Fifth Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket No. 96-98, and Fourth Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket No.* 88-57, 15 FCC Rcd. 22,983 (2000).

³ Motion for Extension of Time, filed by Matthew C. Ames on behalf of the Real Access Alliance, December 27, 2001.

Given the importance of compiling as complete a record as possible, we find that the RAA's request is reasonable and therefore amend the due date for comments in response to the November 30, 2001 *Comment Request PN* to March 8, 2002. Parties should refer to the *Comment Request PN* for details and filing procedures.

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