

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Utilities Telecom Council and Winchester Cator, LLC)	RM-11429
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Petition for Rulemaking to Establish Rules Governing Critical Infrastructure Industry Fixed Service Operations in the 14.0-14.5 GHz Band)	

ORDER EXTENDING COMMENT PERIOD

Adopted: July 7, 2008

Released: July 7, 2008

Comment Date: June 26, 2008

Reply Comment Date: August 11, 2008

By the Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology:

1. On July 1, 2008, the Utilities Telecom Council and Winchester Cator, LLC (UTC/Winchester) filed a Motion for Extension of Time (Motion) requesting a 30-day extension of the deadline for reply comments to its Petition for Rulemaking (Petition) in the above captioned matter. The Petition was filed on May 6, 2008, and the Commission placed it on Public Notice pursuant to Section 1.403 of the Commission’s Rules on May 27, 2008.¹ UTC/Winchester requests the extension of time to consider and respond to the technical issues raised in the oppositions filed in response to the Petition. For the reasons discussed below, we grant the request and extend the deadline to August 11, 2008

2. The Commission’s general policy is that extensions of time are not routinely granted.² However, we consider and, in certain instances, grant requests for extension of time where we find that the public interest would be best served by a more complete discussion of the matters pending before the Commission. Considering the complex technical considerations implicated by the Petition, which seeks to establish a secondary terrestrial allocation in the Fixed Satellite Service band, we believe it serves the public interest for the Commission to allow additional time to develop a comprehensive public record. Moreover, we do not believe that grant of the Motion will prejudice any interested party.³ Therefore, we extend the period during which any interested person may file a reply to statements in support of or in opposition to the Petition in accordance with Section 1.405(b) of the Commission’s Rules to August 11,

¹ See *Petition for Rulemaking to Establish Rules Governing Critical Infrastructure Industry Fixed Service Operations in the 14.0-14.5 GHz Band*, RM-11429 (filed May 6, 2008); Utilities Telecom Council and Winchester Cator, LLC, *Motion for Extension of Time*, filed July 1, 2008.

² See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

³ UTC/Winchester represents that it has contacted parties that filed comments in response to its Petition, and that none of the parties that responded to its inquiries have opposed the grant of the Motion provided that the extension applies to all parties wishing to file reply comments.

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3. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, the Motion of UTC/Winchester to extend the period for filing replies to statements in support or in opposition to the above captioned Petition to August 11, 2008 is GRANTED.

4. This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.31, 0.204 and 0.241 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§0.31, 0.204, 0.241.

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