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TWENTY-ONE DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS ON WIRELESS INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT NOTICE OF INQUIRY

GN Docket No. 09-157

GN Docket No. 09-51

Revised Reply Comment Deadline: November 5, 2009

On August 27, 2009, the Commission issued the Wireless Innovation and Investment Notice of Inquiry (*NOI*),¹ which provided that comments were due on September 28, 2009, and that reply comments were due on October 12, 2009.² On September 10, 2009, the Commission released the *Public Notice* in this proceeding, extending the comment and reply comment deadlines to help ensure development of a more complete record.³ The Commission established a new pleading cycle for the *NOI*, with comments due on September 30, 2009 and replies due on October 15, 2009.

On October 2, 2009, CTIA – The Wireless Association (“CTIA”) and Public Knowledge filed a joint request for a 21-day extension of the reply comment deadline “[to] enable interested parties to review and evaluate the record submitted in the initial comment round.”⁴ CTIA and Public Knowledge state that the current deadline for reply comments is just 15 days after the initial comments were filed, that it coincides with filing deadlines in other pending Commission proceedings, and that extending the due date for reply comments would serve the public interest by affording interested parties participating in the proceedings a more feasible sequence of filing deadlines, thereby providing sufficient time to digest the record and formulate meaningful responses on reply.⁵

It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted.⁶ Such extensions may be warranted when, among other things, the additional time will serve the public interest. In the instant proceeding, we find that providing the requested limited extension would be beneficial to

¹ Fostering Innovation and Investment in the Wireless Communications Market, GN Docket No. 09-157, A National Broadband Plan For Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51, *Notice of Inquiry*, FCC 09-66 (rel. Aug. 27, 2009) (*NOI*).

² *See NOI*.

³ *See* Commission Revises Applicable Ex Parte Procedures for Wireless Innovation and Investment Notice of Inquiry and Extends Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines, *Public Notice*, GN Docket No. 09-157, GN Docket No. 09-51, FCC 09-73 (rel. Sept. 10, 2009) (“*Public Notice*”).

⁴ CTIA – The Wireless Association and Public Knowledge Joint Request for Extension of Reply Comment Deadline, GN Docket No. 09-157 (filed Oct. 2, 2009) (“*Request*”).

⁵ *Request* at 1-2.

⁶ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

the development of a complete record on the issues and that granting the extension of time requested by CTIA and Public Knowledge therefore serves the public interest.

Accordingly, we hereby grant a 21-day extension of time for reply comments filed in response to the *NOI* in this proceeding. The deadline for filing reply comments is extended to November 5, 2009.

This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and Sections 0.131, 0.331, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331, and 1.46.

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