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SPECTRUM TASK FORCE EXTENDS PERIOD FOR FILING COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS FOR TECHNICAL INPUT ON APPROACHES TO MAXIMIZE BROADBAND USE OF FIXED/MOBILE SPECTRUM ALLOCATIONS IN THE 2GHZ RANGE

ET Docket No. 10-142, WT Docket Nos. 04-356, 07-195

Comment Date: July 8, 2011

Reply Comment Date: July 22, 2011

The Spectrum Task Force hereby extends the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in response to the *2 GHz Range Public Notice* seeking technical input on approaches to encourage the growth of terrestrial mobile broadband services in the 2 GHz spectrum range that is allocated for fixed and mobile use.¹ Interested parties will now have until July 8, 2011, to file comments and until July 22, 2011, to file reply comments, as opposed to the June 17, 2011, and July 1, 2011, deadlines set forth in the *2 GHz Range Public Notice*.

The Commission received two requests, by CTIA and by Sprint Nextel, for a 30-day extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines to July 18, 2011, and August 1, 2011, respectively.² CTIA states that their member companies need more time to perform “significant detailed study and analysis of the ramifications of 2 GHz band plan proposals.”³ Sprint Nextel, a licensee in the adjacent broadband Personal Communication Services (“PCS”) band, states that the proceeding “raises several novel, far-reaching proposals and concepts . . . including particularly intricate technical and interference issues,” and that an additional thirty days would “facilitate the development of a full and informed record.”⁴

Although requests for extensions of time are not routinely granted, we do grant limited extensions of time when we find that the public interest would be served by doing so.⁵ In this case, we find that

¹ See Spectrum Task Force Invites Technical Input on Approaches to Maximize Broadband Use of Fixed/Mobile Spectrum Allocations in the 2GHz Range, ET Docket No. 10-142, WT Docket Nos. 04-356, 07-195, *Public Notice*, DA 11-929 (WTB, IB, OET, rel. May 20, 2011) (“*2 GHz Range Public Notice*”).

² See CTIA – The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”) Request for Extension of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines, ET Docket No. 10-142, WT Docket Nos. 04-356, 07-195 (filed June 6, 2011) (“CTIA Request”); Sprint Nextel Request for Extension of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines, ET Docket No. 10-142, WT Docket Nos. 04-356, 07-195 (filed Jun 7, 2011) (Sprint Nextel Request).

³ CTIA Request at 2.

⁴ Sprint Nextel Request at 2.

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

granting a limited extension of time to file comments and reply comments is warranted to ensure the Commission obtains a complete and thorough record, but we do not believe that a 30-day extension is warranted. Accordingly, we find that an extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines by 21-days is in the public interest. Extending the comment and reply comment period by 21-days—to July 8, 2011, and July 22, 2011, respectively—will ensure that parties have sufficient time to provide the Commission with information. We do not believe that an extension of the original comment deadlines would create an unfair advantage for any party.

This proceeding shall continue to be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁶ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

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Action by the Chiefs, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, International Bureau, and Office of Engineering and Technology.

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⁶ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*