

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

In the Matter of)
)
Expanding the Economic and Innovation) GN Docket No. 12-268
Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive)
Auctions)

ORDER

Extended Comment Date: January 25, 2013
Extended Reply Comment Date: March 12, 2013

Adopted: November 29, 2012

Released: November 29, 2012

By the Chief, Media Bureau; Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology:

1. On October 2, 2012, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*NPRM*) initiating the broadcast television spectrum incentive auction process.¹ The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments of December 21, 2012 and February 19, 2013, respectively.

2. On November 20, 2012, the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and CTIA – The Wireless Association (CTIA) filed a joint request to extend the comment and reply comment deadlines to January 25, 2013 and March 26, 2013.² NAB and CTIA state that an extension of time is warranted due to the complex economic, engineering, and policy issues presented by the *NPRM*.

3. We grant the motion for an extension of time in part. As set forth in Section 1.46 of the Commission’s rules,³ the Commission’s policy is that extensions of time for filing comments in rulemaking proceedings shall not be routinely granted. In this case, however, an extension of the comment periods is warranted for the reasons identified by NAB and CTIA. Specifically, we conclude that extension of the comment and reply deadlines to January 25 and March 12, 2013, respectively, is warranted to provide commenters with sufficient time to prepare comments and reply comments that fully respond to the complex economic, engineering, and policy issues raised in the *NPRM*.

¹ See *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 12357 (2012) (*NPRM*).

² See NAB and CTIA, Motion for Extension of Time, GN Docket No. 12-268 (filed Nov. 20, 2012).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

4. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and Sections 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46, the Motion for Extension of Time filed by NAB and CTIA **IS GRANTED IN PART**, and the deadlines to file comments and reply comments in this proceeding are extended to January 25, 2013 and March 12, 2013, respectively.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

William T. Lake
Chief, Media Bureau

Ruth Milkman
Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Julius Knapp
Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology