

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

In the Matter of)
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Revision of Part 15 of the Commission’s Rules to)
Permit Unlicensed National Information) ET Docket No. 13-49
Infrastructure (U-NII) Devices in the 5 GHz Band)
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ORDER

Extended Reply Comment Date: July 24, 2013

Adopted: June 17, 2013

Released: June 17, 2013

By the Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology:

On April 10, 2013, the Federal Register published the Commission’s *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“NPRM”) in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ That *NPRM* established a comment deadline of May 28, 2013 and a reply comment deadline of June 24, 2013. On June 4, 2013, IEEE 802 requested that the reply deadline be extended by 30 days because in reviewing the comments to date, they are concerned that there is insufficient time allocated to thoroughly review the record and provide reply comments by the current deadline.² On June 6, 2013, the Wi-Fi Alliance also requested a 30-day extension of the reply comment date because it will allow interested parties the necessary time to adequately address the technical and policy questions raised in the NPRM and by numerous commenters in this proceeding.³ The Wi-Fi Alliance points out that the current reply comment filing deadline falls before both the 2013 Wi-Fi Alliance Member Meeting and IEEE 802’s Plenary Session, and that the parties’ reply comments will be better informed by the discussion of the issues raised in the NPRM and other parties’ comments in their upcoming meetings.

As set forth in Section 1.46(a) of the Commission's Rules,⁴ the Commission's policy is that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted. Given the importance of the issues in this proceeding, however, we find that good cause exists to provide all parties an extension of the reply comment deadline to facilitate the development of a full and complete record.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to Section 4(i), 4(j) and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c) and Sections 0.31, 0.241, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.31, 0.241, and 1.46, the deadline for filing reply comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in ET Docket No. 13-49 **IS EXTENDED** to July 24, 2013.

¹ Revision of Part 15 of the Commission’s Rules to Permit Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) Devices in the 5 GHz Band, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 28 FCC Rcd 1769 (2013).

² Request for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments of IEEE 802 (filed Jun. 4, 2013)

³ Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments of Wi-Fi Alliance (filed Jun. 6, 2013)

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Motions for Extension of Time filed by IEEE 802 and Wi-Fi Alliance **ARE GRANTED**.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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