

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

In the Matter of)	
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Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat)	GN Docket No. 13-111
Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional)	
Facilities)	

ORDER

Extended Reply Comment Date: August 23, 2013

Adopted: July 31, 2013

Released: July 31, 2013

By the Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau; Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau:

1. On May 1, 2013, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in GN Docket No. 13-111 seeking comment on proposed rules to encourage the development of multiple technological solutions to combat the use of contraband wireless devices in correctional facilities nationwide.¹ The *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* established deadlines for filing comments and reply comments of July 18, 2013, and August 2, 2013, respectively.²

2. On July 26, 2013, the American Correctional Association (ACA) filed a request to extend the reply comment deadline to August 23, 2013.³ ACA states it will be holding its annual summer meeting on August 9-14, 2013, and issues relating to managed access services and contraband devices, including issues raised by the FCC's pending proceeding, will be discussed at the conference.⁴ ACA believes that further discussion of the issues by its membership at the meeting will enable it to submit more complete reply comments.⁵ ACA states that a grant of the extension will not cause harm to any interested party.⁶

3. We grant the motion for an extension of time. While the Commission does not routinely grant requests for extensions of time,⁷ we find that an extension of the reply comment period is warranted in this instance for the reasons identified by ACA. Given the importance of the issues raised in the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* and in the interest of enabling ACA and other interested parties to more fully

¹ See Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities, GN Docket No. 13-111, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 28 FCC Rcd 6603 (2013) (*Contraband Wireless Devices NPRM*).

² See 78 Fed. Reg. 36469 (June 18, 2013).

³ See American Correctional Association, Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments, GN Docket No. 13-111 (filed July 26, 2013).

⁴ *Id.* at 3.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

consider the initial record in this proceeding, we conclude that extension of the reply comment deadline to August 23, 2013 is warranted. ACA represents individuals, agencies, and organizations involved in the correctional industry, all of which have a significant interest in this proceeding. This extension will enable ACA and all other parties sufficient time to prepare reply comments that fully respond to the complex technical and policy issues raised in the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*. For detailed filing instructions, we direct commenters to Part IV.B of the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*.⁸

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 0.131, 0.191, 0.331, 0.392, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.191, 0.331, 0.392, and 1.46, the Motion for Extension of Time filed by ACA **IS GRANTED**, and the deadline to file reply comments in this proceeding is extended to August 23, 2013.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁸ *Contraband Wireless Devices NPRM*, 28 FCC Rcd at 6636-37, ¶ 79.