

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

In the Matter of)
)
2010 Review of Hearing Aid Compatibility) WT Docket No. 10-254
Regulations)

ORDER

Adopted: January 3, 2013

Released: January 3, 2013

Extended Comment Filing Deadline: January 22, 2013

By the Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau:

1. On November 27, 2012, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a Public Notice in which it granted, on its own motion, an extension of time to file comments in its ongoing review of the wireless hearing aid compatibility rules.¹ The Public Notice set the deadline for filing comments on January 7, 2013.

2. On December 31, 2012, the law firm of Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast, LLP (BloostonLaw) filed a request to extend the comment deadline until January 22, 2013.² BloostonLaw states that the extension will alleviate the “conflicting time demands” on counsel who must both file comments in this proceeding and prepare Form 655 reports that are due from service providers on January 15, 2013.³ BloostonLaw further states that the January 7th comment deadline will deprive the Commission and the public of the benefit of comments based on experiences encountered during the Form 655 reporting window.⁴

3. The Commission does not routinely grant extensions of time.⁵ However, given the proximity of the comment deadline to the end of the Form 655 filing window, we find that an extension of time for filing comments is warranted.

¹ Comment Deadline Extended for Public Notice Seeking Updated Information and Comment on Review of Hearing Aid Compatibility Regulations, *Public Notice*, WT Docket No. 10-254, DA 12-1898 (rel. Nov. 27, 2012) (Public Notice); *see also* Updated Information and Comment Sought on Review of Hearing Aid Compatibility Regulations, *Public Notice*, WT Docket No. 10-254, DA 12-1745 (rel. Nov. 1, 2012) (requesting comments).

² Request for Extension of Time to File Comments, Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast, LLP, WT Docket No. 10-254, filed December 31, 2012.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

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 0.51, 0.261, and 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.51, 0.261, and 1.46, the Request for Extension of Time to File Comments filed by Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast, LLP IS GRANTED and the deadline to file comments in this proceeding is extended to January 22, 2013.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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