

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

In the Matters of)	
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911 Governance and Accountability)	PS Docket No. 14-193
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Improving 911 Reliability)	PS Docket No. 13-75

ORDER

Adopted: March 6, 2015

Released: March 6, 2015

Extended Comment Filing Deadline: March 23, 2015

Extended Reply Comment Filing Deadline: April 21, 2015

By the Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau:

1. On March 6, 2015, the Association for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS); the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International (APCO); the Industry Council for Emergency Response Technologies (iCERT); the National Association of State 911 Administrators (NASNA); the National Emergency Number Association (NENA); and the United States Telecom Association (USTA) (collectively Petitioners) filed a joint petition for extension of time to respond to the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ In the *NPRM*, the Commission sought comment on proposals to ensure reliable and resilient 911 call completion and improve situational awareness and information sharing as technology transitions change the way 911 services are delivered to emergency call centers in multiple states.² The Petitioners assert that the *NPRM* “raises a large number of jurisdictional, governance, and legal authority questions with implications to every aspect of 911 service” and “poses questions concerning a host of legal and technological issues involving 911 ecosystem entities necessary for completion of voice calls and other communications to 911.”³ Accordingly, they contend that “[g]iven the scope and complexity of the issues raised in the notice . . . an extension of the comment filing deadlines would be in the public interest.”⁴

2. The Commission’s general policy is not to grant extensions of time routinely.⁵ In this case, however, we find that the vital and extensive questions asked in the *NPRM* warrant an extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines. The Petitioners seek an extension of two weeks, which we agree will serve the public interest by providing interested parties additional time to develop more full and

¹ NENA: The 9-1-1 Association *et al.*, Request for Extension of Time, PS Docket Nos. 14-193, 13-75 (March 6, 2015) (*Joint Petition*).

² *911 Governance and Accountability; Improving 911 Reliability*, PS Docket Nos. 14-193 and 13-75, Policy Statement and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 14208 (2014), *available at* https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-14-186A1.pdf.

³ *Joint Petition* at 3.

⁴ *Id.* at 4.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

complete responses to the *NPRM* and promote a more comprehensive record, without resulting in undue delay.⁶

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and Sections 0.191, 0.392, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.191, 0.392, and 1.46, that the comment deadline in this proceeding is extended to March 23, 2015 and the reply comment deadline is extended to April 21, 2015.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁶ We extend the comment deadline by 14 days, and extend the reply comment deadline to continue to afford 30 days for replies after the extended comment deadline.