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**OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY AND WIRELESS  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU EXTEND PERIOD TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS FOR  
USE OF SPECTRUM BANDS ABOVE 24 GHZ FOR MOBILE RADIO SERVICES NOTICE OF  
PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**GN Docket No. 14-177**

**IB Docket Nos. 15-256, 97-95**

**WT Docket No. 10-112**

**RM-11664**

**Reply Comment Date: February 26, 2016**

By this *Public Notice*, we extend the deadline for filing reply comments in response to the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in the above-captioned proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Interested parties will now have until February 26, 2016 to file reply comments.<sup>2</sup>

On February 12, 2016, the Satellite Industry Association (SIA), the Global VSAT Forum (GVF), the EMEA Satellite Operator's Association (ESOA), and the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) (together, Petitioners) filed a motion to extend the reply comment deadline in the above-captioned proceeding from February 23, 2016 until February 26, 2016.<sup>3</sup> Petitioners assert that additional time is needed to respond to detailed licensing proposals and technical information addressing a number of different frequency bands raised by commenters in the record.<sup>4</sup> Petitioners also cite inclement weather, which caused Federal Government offices to be closed for several days, resulting in an extension of the comment deadline.

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<sup>1</sup> Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Radio Services, GN Docket No. 14-177, IB Docket Nos. 15-256, 97-95, WT Docket No. 10-112, RM-11664, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (2015).

<sup>2</sup> The *NPRM* sets forth a comment deadline of January 26, 2016, and a reply comment date of February 23, 2016. *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Satellite Industry Association, Global VSAT Forum, EMEA Satellite Operator's Association, and Telecommunications Industry Association Request for Extension of Time for Reply Comment Deadline, GN Docket No. 14-177 (filed Feb. 12, 2016).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 1.

It is the general policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.<sup>5</sup> However, under these circumstances, we agree that a short extension of time to file reply comments is warranted to ensure that the Commission obtains a complete and thorough record in response to the *NPRM*. The *NPRM* sought comment on a wide variety of novel technical, policy, and legal issues. The time for reviewing comments and preparing reply comments was shortened as a result of an extension in the comment deadline caused by the closure of Federal Government offices. We conclude that a short extension of time is warranted to enable interested parties sufficient opportunity to review and respond to the complex issues raised by the *NPRM*. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>6</sup> and Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules,<sup>7</sup> we extend the deadline for filing reply comments until February 26, 2016.

For further information, please contact John Schauble of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Broadband Division, at 202-418-0797 or John.Schauble @fcc.gov.

Action by the Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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<sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

<sup>6</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 154(i).

<sup>7</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.