

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

In the Matter of)
)
Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum) GN Docket No. 17-183
Between 3.7 and 24 GHz)

ORDER

Adopted: October 18, 2017

Released: October 18, 2017

Revised Reply Comment Date: November 15, 2017

By the Chief, Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau:

1. By this Order, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) grants the Request of the Wi-Fi Alliance, Telecommunications Industry Association, Dynamic Spectrum Alliance, and Wireless Internet Service Providers Association for Extension of Reply Comment Deadline (Request)¹ in the above-captioned proceeding to November 15, 2017.

2. On August 3, 2017, the Commission adopted and released the *Mid-Band Spectrum Exploration Notice of Inquiry (Mid-Band NOI)*.² Comments were due on October 2, 2017, and replies were due 30-days thereafter or November 1, 2017.³ The Request seeks to extend the latter deadline for 14 days until November 15, 2017.

3. The parties seeking the extension (the Requestors) state that seventy-seven parties submitted comments (many including extensive and detailed engineering analyses) in response to the *Mid-Band NOI* across a range of industries with a wide variety of perspectives.⁴ According to the Requestors, the current 30-day reply comment period does not allow parties a meaningful opportunity to review and respond to those analyses, particularly by membership-based organizations, such as each of the parties to the Request, where coordination among members is required.⁵ The Requestors state that they have no interest in delaying the Commission’s consideration of the important issues presented in the *Mid-Band NOI*; they contend that granting the Request would result in a further developed record that would speed, not delay, the Commission’s decision-making in this and related proceedings.⁶

¹ Request of the Wi-Fi Alliance, Telecommunications Industry Association, Dynamic Spectrum Alliance, and Wireless Internet Service Providers Association for Extension of Reply Comment Deadline, GN Docket No. 17-183 (filed Oct. 10, 2017) (Request).

² See *Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 3.7 and 24 GHz*, GN Docket No. 17-183, Notice of Inquiry, 32 FCC Rcd 6373 (2017) (*Mid-Band NOI*).

³ *Id.*

⁴ See Request at 2.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.* at 3. See also Letter from Alex Roytblat, Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs, Wi-Fi Alliance, to Marlene H. Dorch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket No. 17-183 et al. at 2 (filed Oct. 16, 2017).

4. While it is the policy of the Commission that extensions shall not be routinely granted,⁷ based on the record before us, we are persuaded in this case that granting a 14-day extension will serve the public interest.

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), 5, and 303(r) of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155, and 303(r), and sections 0.131, 0.331, 1.46, 1.415 and 1.430 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331, 1.46, 1.415 and 1.430, that the Request for Extension of Reply Comment Deadline filed by the Wi-Fi Alliance, the Telecommunications Industry Association, the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance, and the Wireless Internet Service Providers Association on October 10, 2017, IS GRANTED to the extent indicated herein.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for filing Reply Comments to the *Mid-Band Spectrum Exploration Notice of Inquiry* in the above captioned proceeding is extended to November 15, 2017.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).