

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program)	WC Docket No. 11-10
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ORDER

Adopted: September 19, 2017

Released: September 19, 2017

Revised Comment Date: October 9, 2017

Revised Reply Comment Date: October 24, 2017

By the Chief, Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, the Chief, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and the Chief, Telecommunications and Analysis Division, International Bureau:

1. By this Order, the Wireline Competition Bureau, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and the International Bureau extend the deadlines for filing initial and reply comments in response to the Form 477 Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking until October 9, 2017 and October 24, 2017, respectively.¹

2. The deadlines for submitting comments and reply comments in response to the Form 477 FNPRM were established as September 25, 2017 and October 10, 2017, respectively.² On September 12, 2017, the American Cable Association, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association, NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, the USTelecom Association, and the Wireless Internet Service Providers Association (the Joint Petitioners) filed a Joint Petition for Extension of Time to File Comments (Joint Petition), seeking a four-week extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines in this proceeding.³

3. The Joint Petitioners assert that they require additional time because the “proceeding involves practical and factual questions related to how voice and broadband providers currently collect and report subscription and deployment information, and the impact of any changes to those existing practices.”⁴ According to the Joint Petitioners, they must conduct extensive coordination with their member companies to address these issues.⁵ The Joint Petitioners also indicate that the recent hurricanes in southern and coastal states have severely limited the ability of members operating in those states to

¹ *Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program*, WC Docket No. 11-10, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 17-103 (Aug. 3, 2017) (FNPRM).

² The Form 477 FNPRM established comment and reply comment dates of 30 and 45 days after publication in the Federal Register, respectively. The FNPRM was published in the Federal Register on August 24, 2017, thereby establishing September 25, 2017 and October 10, 2017 as the comment and reply comment dates, respectively.

³ Joint Petition for Extension of Time to File Comments, WC Docket No. 11-10 (filed Sept. 12, 2017), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10912701709754/Form%20477%20Extension%20Request.pdf> (Joint Petition).

⁴ *Id.* at 3.

⁵ *Id.*

engage in coordination and provide information on the issues on which the Commission seeks comment.⁶ The Joint Petitioners state that granting an extension will enable them to better inform the Commission's decision-making in this proceeding.⁷

4. Although it is the policy of the Commission that "extensions shall not be routinely granted,"⁸ we find that an extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines is appropriate in this case, in order to allow interested parties to develop more thorough, informative submissions. While we recognize that the Joint Petition seeks lengthier extensions, we find, consistent with past Commission precedent granting partial extensions, that an additional two weeks is an appropriate period of time to extend the comment and reply comment deadlines in order to provide parties additional time to analyze the technical, legal, and policy issues raised in this proceeding, and submit comments thereon.⁹

⁶ See *Id* at 2 and 3-4.

⁷ *Id.* at 4.

⁸ 47 CFR § 1.46(a).

⁹ See, e.g., *Restoring Internet Freedom*, WC Docket No. 17-108, Order, DA 17-761 (WCB Aug. 11, 2017) (granting a two-week extension when parties sought an eight-week extension); *Promoting Innovation and Competition in the Provision of Multichannel Video Programming Distribution Services*, Order, 30 FCC Rcd 1160 (MB 2015) (granting a two-week extension of the comment and reply deadlines after parties sought a longer extension); *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Extends Period to File Reply Comments on Motorola, Inc. Request for Interpretation or Waiver of Section 90.267 of the Commission's Rules Regarding 450-470 MHz Band Low Power Operations*, Public Notice, 25 FCC Rcd 4694 (WTB 2010) (granting a 10-day extension of reply comment deadline upon motion for a longer extension, "to ensure that the Commission obtains a complete and thorough record"); *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support; Connect America Fund*, Order, 30 FCC Rcd 8233 (WCB 2015) (granting two-week extensions for filing comments and replies, finding that limited extensions "will allow for more thoughtful consideration of the issues raised . . . , while at the same time not unduly delaying the resolution of these issues"); *Cable Television Technical and Operational Requirements*, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 16019 (MB 2012) (granting a two-week extension, given the importance of the issues, when parties sought a longer extension).

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 0.91, 0.131, 0.291, 0.331, 1.46, and 1.415 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.91, 0.131, 0.291, 0.331, 1.46, and 1.415, that the Joint Petition for Extension of Time to File Comments filed by the American Cable Association, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association, NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, the USTelecom Association, and the Wireless Internet Service Providers Association on September 12, 2017, IS GRANTED, IN PART, and the deadline for filing comments is extended to October 9, 2017 and the deadline for filing reply comments is extended to October 24, 2017.

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