

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)
)
Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for) MD Docket No. 19-105
Fiscal Year 2019)

ORDER

Adopted: November 15, 2019

Released: November 15, 2019

By the Managing Director, Office of Managing Director:

1. In this *Order*, the Office of Managing Director (OMD) grants a request filed by the Satellite Industry Association (“SIA”) seeking an extension of time to submit comments and reply comments in response to *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)* in this proceeding.

2. On August 27, 2019, the Commission released a *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in this proceeding.¹ In the *FNPRM*, the Commission seeks comment on a number of regulatory fee issues, including assessing regulatory fees on non-U.S. licensed space stations, allocation of International Bureau staff for purposes of calculating regulatory fees and issues arising out of the updated methodology for assessing fees on broadcast TV providers. Comments are due on November 22, 2019 and reply comments due on December 23, 2019.²

3. SIA requests an extension of the comment period to December 13, 2019. In support of its request, SIA explains that the issues are complex and their resolution will have a significant impact on its’ member companies. Many of SIA’s members, however, are currently participating in the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19) in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, which runs from October 28 through November 22. SIA requests the extension to ensure affected companies will have sufficient time to consider and respond to the Commission’s proposed changes upon their return from WRC-19.

4. As set forth in section 1.46 of the Commission’s rules,³ the Commission’s policy is that extensions of time for filing comments in rulemaking proceedings shall not be routinely granted. In this case, however, we find that the scope, and importance of the issues raised in the *FNPRM* warrant an extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines. We believe that extending the deadlines will serve the public interest by providing interested parties with additional time to develop full and complete responses to inform the Commission’s deliberations.

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 303(r) of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), and 303(r), and section 1.46 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR § 1.46, the Request for Extension of Time to File Comments and Reply Comments filed by the Satellite Industry Association IS GRANTED. The deadline for filing comments is extended to December 6, 2019, and the deadline for filing reply comments is extended to January 6, 2020.

¹ *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2019*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 34 FCC Rcd 8189 (2019).

² *Publication of Regulatory Fee Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register*, Public Notice, DA 19-1067 (rel. Oct. 23, 2019).

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to section 1.102(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.102(b)(1), this Order SHALL BE EFFECTIVE upon release.

7. This action is taken pursuant to the authority delegated by Sections 0.11 and 0.231 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.11, 0.231.

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