

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

In the Matter of)	
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American Electric Power Service Corporation's)	WT Docket No. 23-390
Request for Waiver of Section 90.621(b))	

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Adopted: January 5, 2024

Released: January 5, 2024

By the Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau:

1. On January 3, 2024, American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEP) filed a Motion for Extension of Time seeking an extension of the reply comment deadline in the above captioned proceeding by 7 days.¹ By this Order, for the reasons stated below, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau grants an extension of the reply comment deadline by 7 days to January 12, 2024.

2. On June 8, 2023, AEP filed an application requesting waiver of section 90.621(b) of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules.² On November 21, 2023, the Commission released a *Public Notice* seeking comment on this waiver request application and announcing a comment due date of December 21, 2023 and a reply comment due date of January 5, 2024.³ On December 21, 2023, the Government Wireless Technology & Communications Association (GWTCa) filed a comment opposing AEP's waiver request application.

3. AEP seeks a 7-day extension of the reply comment deadline, stating that it became aware of the comment from GWTCa "during the Christmas holidays at which time the relevant AEP personnel were on leave."⁴ AEP indicates that the relevant staff members are currently working "to review the Opposition" and seeks an "extension to prepare a responsive filing."⁵ In its motion, AEP notes that this extension "will not adversely impact any party" and that it "has advised counsel for [GWTCa] orally of this extension request."⁶

4. We grant a 7-day extension of time to file reply comments in this proceeding. As set forth in section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, the Commission does not routinely grant extensions of time for filing reply comments.⁷ In this case, however, we agree that a 7-day extension is warranted due to the intervening Christmas and New Years Day holidays. Providing a 7-day extension will allow AEP

¹ Motion of American Electric Power Service Corporation for Extension of Time, WT Docket No. 23-390, at 1 (filed Jan. 3, 2024), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/filing/1010358792919> (AEP Motion for Extension of Time).

² American Electric Power Service Corporation, ULS File No. 0010577631 (filed June 8, 2023), <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/ApplicationSearch/applMain.jsp?applID=14102475>.

³ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on American Electric Power Service Corporation's Request for Waiver of Section 90.621(b)*, WT Docket No. 23-390, Public Notice, DA 23-1084, 2023 WL 8614340, at *1 (WTB Nov. 21, 2023).

⁴ AEP Motion for Extension of Time at *1.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.* at *1-2.

⁷ 47 CFR § 1.46.

to provide a meaningful response to GWTCA.

5. Accordingly, **IT IS SO ORDERED** that, pursuant to section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and sections 0.131, 0.204, 0.331, and 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.131, 0.204, 0.331, and 1.46, the Motion for Extension of Time filed by American Electric Power Service Corporation on January 3, 2024 **IS GRANTED**.

6. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the deadline to file reply comments in this proceeding **IS EXTENDED** to January 12, 2024.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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