

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

<p>In the Matter of</p> <p>Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Relocate the Digital Electronic Message Service From the 18 GHz Band to the 24 GHz Band and to Allocate the 24 GHz Band for Fixed Service</p>	<p>ET Docket. No. 97-99</p>
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**ORDER**

Adopted: July 3, 1997

Released: July 3, 1997

By the Chief, International Bureau:

1. On June 26, 1997, Digital Services Corporation, Microwave Services, Inc., and Teligent, L.L.C. (formerly Associated Communications L.L.C.) (collectively, the "DEMS Licensees") petitioned the Commission to exceed the 25-page limitation that normally governs oppositions to petitions for reconsideration of Commission orders. 47 C.F.R. § 1.429(f).

2. DEMS Licensees state that they intend to file a consolidated response to the petitions for reconsideration and petition for clarification as many of the arguments raised in these petitions are similar and can be addressed in a single filing. Because of the number of DEMS licensees and the complexity of the issues involved, the DEMS Licensees seek a waiver of the page limit.

3. Although the Commission does not routinely grant waivers of the page limit we agree with the DEMS Licensees that the public interest would be more adequately served if they are permitted to consolidate their filing and exceed the page limit. Specifically, we find that because of the complexity of the issues involved and the fact that the DEMS Licensees are consolidating their responses to issues raised, this will eliminate the need for duplicative pleadings, reduce the burden on all parties to the proceeding, and conserve Commission resources.

4. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i) and 303; and pursuant to Sections 0.51, 0.261 and 1.48 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.51, 0.261 and 1.48.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the DEMS Licensees may exceed the 25-page limitation in a consolidated opposition to petitions for reconsideration or clarification filed in the above captioned proceeding.

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Chief, International Bureau