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**Re: East Kentucky Network d/b/a Appalachian Wireless Motion for Extension of Time,
CG Docket No. 16-145 and GN Docket No. 15-178**

Dear Mr. Koppel:

In response to a motion by East Kentucky Network d/b/a Appalachian Wireless (Appalachian Wireless),¹ the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) grants Appalachian Wireless a 14-day extension of time to respond to the questions posed in the Bureau's letter of December 21, 2020.² The Bureau's questions relate to Appalachian Wireless' request for an extension of previously granted waivers of certain Commission accessibility rules, pending the provider's implementation of real-time text technology.³ The due date for the provider's response is extended from January 20, 2021,⁴ to February 3, 2021.⁵

It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.⁶ We find, however, that Appalachian Wireless has shown good cause for the requested extension. Appalachian Wireless points out that gathering information and compiling responses to the Letter has proven difficult due to many of Appalachian Wireless' employees and vendors having been unavailable during the December holidays.⁷ Appalachian Wireless adds that the upcoming federal holidays further challenge Appalachian Wireless' efforts to compile the necessary information before the deadline.⁸ We

¹ Motion for Extension of Time, CG Docket No. 16-145 and GN Docket No. 15-178, (filed Jan. 15, 2021), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/101152740602607/Appalachian%20Wireless%20--%20RTT%20Response%20-%20Request%20for%20Extension%20of%20Time%20--%2001.15.21.pdf> (Motion).

² Letter from Suzy Rosen Singleton, Chief, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, to Cindy D. McCarty, In-House Counsel, East Kentucky Network d/b/a Appalachian Wireless (Dec. 21, 2020) (Letter).

³ See Petition of Appalachian Wireless for Temporary Waiver of TTY/RTT Transition Rules and Comments in Support of Competitive Carriers Association Request for Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 16-145 and GN Docket No. 15-178, at 2-4 (filed June 29, 2020) (Petition for Waiver); see also *Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology*; *Petition for Rulemaking to Update the Commission's Rules for Access to Support the Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology*, and *Petition for Waiver of Rules Requiring Support of TTY Technology*, CG Docket No. 16-145 and GN Docket No. 15-178, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 13568, 13602-03, paras. 65-68 (2016) (*TTY-RTT Transition Order*).

⁴ A response was requested within 30 days of the date of the letter, which was December 21, 2020. Because January 20, 2021 is a federal holiday, the response was due on the next business day, January 21, 2021. See 47 CFR § 1.4(j).

⁵ Motion at 2.

⁶ 47 CFR § 1.46.

⁷ Motion at 1-2.

therefore grant an extension of time through February 3, 2021, for Appalachian Wireless to file its response.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 4(i), 4(j), 225, 255, and 617 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 225, 255, 716, and sections 0.141, 0.361, and 1.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.141, 0.361, 1.3, the motion for extension of time filed by Appalachian Wireless on January 15, 2021, IS GRANTED.

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Sincerely,

Suzy Rosen Singleton
Chief, Disability Rights Office
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

⁸ *Id.* at 1-2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day fell on Monday, January 18, 2021, and Inauguration Day, which is a holiday within the Washington, DC metropolitan area, falls on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.