



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Via Email: amaltas@ccamobile.org

Mr. Alexi Maltas
Competitive Carriers Association
601 New Jersey Ave. NW, Suite 820
Washington, DC 20001

Re: CCA's Motion for Extension of Time, CG Docket No. 16-145 and GN Docket No. 15-178

Dear Mr. Maltas:

In response to a motion by the Competitive Carriers Association (CCA),¹ the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) grants the CCA members listed below 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 CCA's request, on behalf of its members Cellcom, Nex-Tech Wireless, GCI Communication Corp., Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southern Linc, and Viaero Wireless, for an extension of previously granted waivers of certain Commission accessibility rules, pending the providers' implementation of real-

¹ Motion for Extension of Time, CG Docket No. 16-145 and GN Docket No. 15-178, (filed Jan. 14, 2021), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1011409782456/RTT%20Response%20-%20Request%20for%20Extension%20of%20Time.pdf> (Motion).

² Letter from Suzy Rosen Singleton, Chief, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, to Larry L. Lueck, Director and Corporate Counsel, Nsight (Dec. 21, 2020); Letter from Suzy Rosen Singleton, Chief, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, to Nathan Sutter, Nex-Tech Wireless (Dec. 21, 2020); Letter from Suzy Rosen Singleton, Chief, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, to Michael Rosenthal, Southern Linc (Dec. 21, 2020); Letter from Suzy Rosen Singleton, Chief, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, to Monica K. Akin, General Counsel, Viaero Wireless (Dec. 21, 2020); Letter from Suzy Rosen Singleton, Chief, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, to Becky Windt Pearson, General Counsel, GCI Communication Corp. (Dec. 21, 2020) (collectively Letters).

time text technology.³ The due date for the providers' responses 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 CCA has shown good cause for the requested extension. CCA points out that gathering sufficient information and compiling responses to the Letters has proven difficult due to many CCA member employees and vendors having been unavailable during the December holidays.⁷ CCA adds that the upcoming federal holidays further challenge the CCA members' efforts to compile the necessary information before the deadline.⁸ We therefore grant an extension of time through February 3, 2021, for the CCA members to file their responses.

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 CCA on January 14, 2021, IS GRANTED.

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Sincerely,

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

³ See Petition of Certain Members of Competitive Carriers Association for Waiver or, in the alternative, Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 16-145 and GN Docket No. 15-178, at 6-15 (filed June 16, 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 Responses were requested within 30 days of the date of the letters, which was December 21, 2020. Because January 20, 2021 is a federal holiday, the responses were 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.

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