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

In the Matter of	)	
Microstation Radio Broadcast Service	)	RM No. 9208, 9242, 9246
Petition for Rulemaking	)	

Request for Extension of Time for Reply Comments

The Committee On Democratic Communications of the National Lawyers Guild respectfully requests that the deadline for filing reply comments in the above referenced matter be extended for 60 days from the current filing date of May 26. We request this extension for the following reasons:

1. As we are located in San Francisco, we have ordered copies of all comments filed in this proceeding to be sent to us. As of May 6, those copies have not yet arrived. Once they do arrive, we expect that it will take some time to read through them, analyze them, and prepare a reasoned and cogent response.

In addition, we wish to communicate our summary of these comments to the many individuals and organizations who we are in contact with, and who do not have the resources on their own to obtain copies of all the comments filed. We also wish to give those organizations time to communicate their responses to us, before we prepare our reply comments to the FCC.

2. This proceeding is of interest to many other individuals and organizations who do not normally participate in FCC proceedings nor have professional Washington representatives to act on their behalf. An extension of time will benefit those individuals and organizations by giving them an opportunity to gain information on the comments that were filed and prepare their replies. Ultimately, this will give the FCC a fuller and more representative record upon which to proceed.

We are eager to have this proceeding go forward with all due speed, and do not wish to delay it any more than necessary. However, for purely practical reasons we cannot prepare an adequate response in the time allotted. There are very likely others in similar circumstances. Therefore, we request this extension in the interests of providing the FCC with as complete and thorough a set of responses as possible.

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