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In the Matter of	)	
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Flexibility for Delivery of Communications by Mobile Satellite Service Providers In the 2 GHz Band, the L-Band, and the 1.6/2.4 GHz Band	)	IB Docket No. 01-185
	)	
Amendment of Section 2.106 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum at 2 GHz for Use By the Mobile Satellite Service	)	ET Docket No. 95-18

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association ("CTIA")[1/] respectfully requests a two-week extension of time – from October 11, 2001 to October 25, 2001 – in which to submit comments in the above-captioned proceeding.[2/]

1/ CTIA is the international organization of the wireless communications industry for both wireless carriers and manufacturers. Membership in the association covers all Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers and manufacturers. CTIA represents more broadband PCS carriers and more cellular carriers than any other trade association.

2/ CTIA is concurrently requesting a ten-day extension of time to file comments in another proceeding, the due date of which currently is also October 11, 2001. Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum Below 3 GHz for Mobile and Fixed Services to Support the Introduction of New Advanced Wireless Services, including Third Generation Wireless Systems, ET Docket No. 00-258, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 01-224 (rel. Aug. 20, 2001) ("Wireless Advanced Services Notice"). Because the same personnel in many companies are working on both the instant proceeding and the Wireless Advanced Services Notice, CTIA is asking in this request for a two-week extension to submit comments. If the due dates of the two sets of comments do not precisely overlap, parties will be able to address more completely the issues raised in each proceeding.

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The spectrum management issues raised in this docket remain of critical importance to CTIA's members. However, wireless carriers across the nation had to reorder their priorities in order to respond to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. These activities have made it difficult for them to devote the time and personnel required to prepare comments in this proceeding. The events of September 11 also require all interested parties to reassess their positions on spectrum use to ensure that they appropriately balance public and private needs.

Grant of this request would be in the public interest because it would give commenters sufficient time in which to address the important issues raised in the rulemaking proceeding and would provide the Commission with a more complete record on which to base its decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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