

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

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

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (“CTIA”)^{1/} respectfully requests a three-day extension of time – from November 5, 2001 to November 8, 2001 – in which to submit reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding.^{2/}

The due date for the initial comments in this proceeding was October 19, 2001, with reply comments due on November 5, 2001.^{3/} On October 17, however, the Commission announced that the due date for any filings due at the Commission on

^{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 concurrently is requesting a three-day extension of time to file reply comments in another proceeding, the due date of which currently is also November 5, 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).

^{3/} Order Extending Comment Period, DA 01-2314 (rel. Oct. 4, 2001).

October 19, 2001, would be extended to October 22, 2001.^{4/} While a few comments in this docket were filed on October 19, the vast majority were not filed until October 22. If the due date for reply comments remains November 5, parties will effectively lose three days of the already abbreviated period provided by the Commission to review the comments and prepare replies.

The record in this proceeding is substantial; at least 28 comments have been filed. Grant of this request would be in the public interest because it would give commenters the full amount of time initially granted by the Commission to prepare reply comments in this proceeding and thereby provide the Commission with a more complete record on which to base its decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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^{4/} Public Notice, FCC Announces Change In Filing Location For Paper Documents, DA 01-2436 (rel. Oct. 17, 2001).