

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

In the Matter of)
)
Improving Public Safety Communications in)
the 800 MHz Band) **WT Docket No. 02-55**
)
Consolidating the 900 MHz Industrial/Land)
Transportation and Business Pool Channels)

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, the Industrial Telecommunications Association, Inc. (ITA) hereby request an extension of time for the reply comment period in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the above-referenced proceeding.¹ Specifically, ITA seeks an additional 90 days for reply comments.

ITA is a Commission-certified frequency advisory committee coordinating in excess of 6,000 applications per year on behalf of applicants seeking Commission authority to operate business and industrial/land transportation radio stations on frequency assignments allocated between 30-900 MHz.

ITA enjoys the support of a membership including more than 3,500 licensed two-way land mobile radio communications users, private mobile radio service (PMRS) oriented radio dealer organizations, and the following trade associations:

Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers
Aeronautical Radio, Inc.
Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.
Florida Citrus Processors Association
Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association

¹ See Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band and Consolidating the 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels, *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, WT Docket No. 02-55 (rel. Mar. 15, 2002).

National Mining Congress
National Propane Gas Association
National Ready-Mixed Concrete Association
National Utility Contractors Association
New England Fuel Institute
United States Telephone Association

In addition, ITA is affiliated with the following independent market councils: the Council of Independent Communication Suppliers (CICS), the Taxicab & Livery Communications Council (TLCC), the Telephone Maintenance Frequency Advisory Committee (TELFAC), and USMSS, Inc.

ITA has already filed comments in this proceeding with seven other industry organizations that make up the Private Wireless Coalition, and we fully intend to file reply comments.² Approximately 200 other entities, or groups of entities, have also filed comments.

We believe that careful consideration should be given to the protection of public safety systems at 800 MHz. The significant impact on the public safety, private wireless, and commercial industries as a result of this proceeding, as well as the volume of comments, is such that an extension of time is warranted. Therefore, we believe the Commission and the public interest would best be served by extending the reply comment period by 90 days. We feel this extension will allow all interested parties ample time to supply the Commission with constructive reply comments on the numerous proposals and comments already put forth in this proceeding.

Given the timeframe involved, we further recommend that the Commission act expeditiously on this request. We applaud the Commission for seeking a remedy to the interference experienced by public safety systems at 800 MHz and look forward to working with

² Comments of the Private Wireless Coalition, WT Docket No. 02-55, filed on May 6, 2002.

the Commission to shape the future of public safety, private wireless, and commercial communications in the band.

Respectfully Submitted,

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