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**RE:** ET Docket No. 02-135  
Request for Extension of Time

Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, the New York State Office for Technology Statewide Wireless Network Project Office representing the position of the State with regards to ET Docket No. 02-135, hereby requests an extension of time for the comment period in the matter of this Public Notice dated June 6, 2002, with comments due on July 8, 2002.

We applaud Chairman Powell for forming such a Task Force. The Task Force has an ambitious breadth of areas to be covered. We recognize that the time frame for completion of this effort is short, and New York would be pleased to aid the Task Force with comments on this ambitious agenda.

Two other major Public Safety dockets are due on the same day as this Docket.

- WT Docket 02-55, reply comment requires analysis of over 200 filed comments.
- WT Docket 00-32, comment requires analysis of a number of technologies that could be applicable for use in the 4.9 GHz band. These technologies have differing band plans and interference tolerances.

In addition, we are entering the normal annual vacation period, for which personnel are scheduled well in advance.

For these reasons, we believe that the Commission would obtain a more thoroughly studied response to ET Docket 02-135 if the comment due date was extended for 60 days.

Respectfully Submitted,

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