

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

In the Matter of)	
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Commission Seeks Public Comment on Spectrum Policy Task Force Report)	ET Docket No. 02-135
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To: The Commission)	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On behalf of the IEEE 802.18 Radio Regulatory Technical Advisory Group (the “802.18 RR-TAG”), I hereby respectfully request that the Commission extend the deadlines for comments and reply comments in the above-captioned Proceeding until January 27, 2003 and February 28, 2003 respectively.

IEEE 802¹ and its members that participate in the IEEE 802 standards process are interested parties in this proceeding. IEEE 802, as a leading consensus-based industry standards body, produces IEEE 802 standards for wireless networking devices, including wireless local area networks (“WLANs”), wireless personal area networks (“WPANs”), and wireless metropolitan area networks (“Wireless MANs”), all of which require spectrum resources in order to provide the public with the benefits of wireless networking

I would also respectfully point out that IEEE 802 filed some of the more detailed and substantive comments in response to the initial inquiry conducted by the Commission’s Spectrum Policy Task Force in July of 2002 and that we would appreciate the opportunity to respond to the instant inquiry.

¹ The IEEE Local and Metropolitan Area Networks Standards Committee (“IEEE 802” or the “LMSC”)

The comment and reply comment deadlines of January 9, 2003 and February 10, 2003, respectively, as currently specified in the Public Notice,² will make it impossible for the 802.18 RR-TAG to file comments in a timely manner. IEEE 802.18 and the IEEE 802 wireless working groups hold their meetings on a two-month cycle, with the next meeting scheduled for January 13-17, 2003 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

As an industry consensus standards body, IEEE 802 has strict rules on the creation and approval for filing of documents such as comments to the Commission, to assure that the views expressed represent the consensus view of its members who participate in the standards process.

Additionally, we believe that the fact that the comment period is largely overlapped by the holiday season will have a negative impact on the ability of many interested parties to digest the reports of the Spectrum Policy Task Force and prepare complete, substantive comments by the current deadline (due to the fact that many people traditionally take vacation time during the holiday season).

Thus, we believe that the Commission's goals, and the public interest, would best be served by granting the requested extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines and that the minor delay involved therein will be of little consequence.

Respectfully submitted,

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² See Public Notice FCC 02-322, "Commission Seeks Comment on Spectrum Policy Task Force Report," released November 25, 2002 (as amended)