

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC. 20554**

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

**Request for an Extension of Time from Nickolaus E. Leggett
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The following is a request for an extension of time from Nickolaus E. Leggett, an amateur radio operator (Extra Class licensee – call sign N3NL), inventor (U.S. Patents # 3,280,929 and 3,280,930 and one invention patent pending), and a certified electronics technician (ISCET and NARTE).

Importance of Spectrum Policy

The subject of spectrum policy is of central importance to the Federal Communications Commission and to the numerous users of the electromagnetic spectrum. This proceeding is requesting public comment on basic future policies for spectrum use for all radio services. Such a central subject deserves and requires more time for comments and reply comments than has been allocated. This is especially true since the Commission is requesting comments from the general public.

Practical Comment Periods

While a thirty-day comment period is probably adequate for a routine proceeding, global subjects such as spectrum policy require more time for the many diverse parties to develop thoughtful comments on the wide range of issues presented.

Individual commenters such as myself require more time because we have multiple responsibilities in addition to participating in FCC proceedings. In addition, this time of year is especially busy due to the holidays.

Many members of the general public are not yet aware of this opportunity to comment. If the Commission wants comments from the general public, it must provide a generous comment and reply comment period as well as ample publicity about this opportunity to influence national policy. Failure to do this will result in a proceeding that favors the professional “K Street” lobbyists at the expense of other citizens who are not represented by full-time lawyers. Such a bias would inhibit consideration of spectrum policies that facilitate individual and small entity participation in electronic communication and broadcasting.

Quality of Comments

The quality of comments received in this important proceeding will be better if more time is available for analysis of the numerous issues presented by the Spectrum Policy Task Force. This applies to the entire range of commenters from the single individual to large organizations. The better quality of the comments will lead to more comprehensive and better FCC decisions on spectrum policy. The Commission and the commenters are literally building the future here and we should strive to get it right.

Requested Action

The Commission should add at least 30 days to the comment and reply comment periods. The Commission should publicize this proceeding to the general public at large to encourage a wider range of participants than those who usually participate in FCC proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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