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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU AND OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND
TECHNOLOGY EXTEND PERIOD TO FILE COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS IN
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INQUIRY ON USE OF SPECTRUM BANDS ABOVE 24 GHZ FOR
MOBILE RADIO SERVICES**

GN Docket No. 14-177

Comment Date: January 15, 2015

Reply Comment Date: February 17, 2015

By this *Public Notice*, we extend the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in response to the *Notice of Inquiry (NOI)* in the above-captioned proceeding to allow parties to more thoroughly address the complex technical, legal, and policy issues raised in the *NOI*.¹ Interested parties will now have until January 15, 2015 to file comments and until February 17, 2015 to file reply comments.

On November 19, 2014, the Satellite Industry Association (SIA) filed a motion to extend the comment deadline in the above-captioned proceeding from December 16, 2014 until January 15, 2015.² SIA also requested that the deadline for filing reply comments be extended from January 15, 2015 to February 17, 2015.³ SIA asserts that analyzing bands for spectrum sharing with widely-deployed mobile wireless services requires extensive analysis and review and notes that the Commission is seeking comment on multiple bands in which satellite operations are authorized.⁴ According to SIA, each of these bands is unique and requires an analysis of current and future satellite operations.⁵ James E. Whedbee supports the SIA Motion.⁶

¹ Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz For Mobile Radio Services, *et al.*, GN Docket No. 14-177, *et al.*, Notice of Inquiry, FCC 14-154 (rel. Oct. 17, 2014) (24 GHz Mobile Services NOI).

² Satellite Industry Association Request for Extension of Time For Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines, GN Docket No. 14-177 (filed Nov. 19, 2014) (SIA Motion) at 1.

³ *Id.* at 1.

⁴ *Id.* at 2.

⁵ *Id.* at 2.

⁶ Comment, James E. Whedbee (filed Nov. 19, 2014).

It is the general policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.⁷ Under these circumstances, however, we agree that an extension of time to file comments and reply comments is warranted to ensure that the Commission obtains a complete and thorough record in response to the *NOI*. The *NOI* is the first step in a process to examine the use of new, innovative technologies that could enable the use of frequencies above 24 GHz for mobile services. The *NOI* seeks comment on a wide variety of novel technical, policy and legal issues related to the possible use of bands above 24 GHz for mobile services. We conclude that a short extension of time is warranted to enable interested parties sufficient opportunity to review and respond to the complex issues raised by the *NOI*, to ultimately help the Commission “discern what frequency bands above 24 GHz would be most suitable for mobile services, and to begin developing a record on mobile service rules and a licensing framework for mobile services in those bands.”⁸ Accordingly, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,⁹ and Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules,¹⁰ we extend the deadline for filing comments until January 15, 2015. We also extend the deadline for filing reply comments until February 17, 2015.

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Action by the Chief, Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology.

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⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

⁸ 24 GHz Mobile Services NOI at ¶ 1.

⁹ 47 U.S.C. § 154(i).

¹⁰ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.