

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of
Improving Public Safety Communications in the
800 MHz Band
Consolidating the 800 MHz Industrial/Land
Transportation and Business Pool Channels
WT Docket 02-55

Order Extending Time for Filing of Reply Comments

Adopted: June 27, 2002

Released: June 27, 2002

By the Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau:

1. On June 25, 2002, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc., the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Municipal Signal Association, the Major Cities Chiefs Association, the Major County Sheriffs Association, the National Sheriffs Association, Aeronautical Radio Inc., the Association of American Railroads, Forest Industries Telecommunications, the Industrial Telecommunications Association (ITA), MRFAC, Inc., the National Association of Manufacturers, the Personal Communications Industry Association, Small Business in Telecommunications, the Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association and Nextel Communications, Inc. filed a Request for Extension of Time (Request) in the captioned proceeding, asking that the current date set for the filing of reply comments, July 8, 2002, be extended by thirty days. The petitioners request additional time "to complete and submit a compromise proposal to the Commission" which they represent will assist the Commission in its decision making in this proceeding.

2. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted. Moreover, we note that we previously denied a request for a 90 day extension, filed by ITA, but granted a 34 day extension of time from the original June 4, 2002, reply comment filing date. However, we are encouraged by the prospect of an industry-wide compromise position on the major issues in the instant proceeding. Accordingly, in reliance on petitioners' representation that they will actively pursue a compromise that is acceptable to as wide a cross-section of affected parties as possible, and in the interest of building a complete record, we are granting the petition and are extending the reply comment filing date to August 7, 2002.

1 Request at 2.

2 Id.

3 See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

4 See Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band; Consolidating the 800 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels, WT Docket No. 02-55, Order Granting Extension of Time, DA-02-1196 (rel. May 17, 2002).

3. **ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** that the petitioners' *Request for Extension of Time* **IS GRANTED**, and that the time for filing reply comments in the captioned proceeding **IS EXTENDED** until **August 7, 2002**.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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