

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

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment	)	WC Docket No. 16-143
	)	
Investigation of Certain Price Cap Local Exchange Carrier Business Data Services Tariff Pricing Plans	)	WC Docket No. 15-247
	)	
Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	)	WC Docket No. 05-25
	)	
AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services	)	RM-10593

**ORDER**

**Adopted: July 21, 2016**

**Released: July 21, 2016**

**Revised Reply Comment Date: August 9, 2016**

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. In this Order, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants in part the request for extension of the reply comment deadline in response to the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*Further Notice*) in WC Docket Nos. 16-143 and 05-25, filed jointly on July 19, 2016 by the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, United States Telecom Association, and ITTA – The Voice of Mid-Size Communications Companies (Petitioners).<sup>1</sup> As discussed more fully below, the Bureau finds that good cause exists to grant in part Petitioners’ request for an extension of time for all reply comment filers.

2. On May 2, 2016, the Commission released its Tariff Investigation Order and *Further Notice* in this proceeding.<sup>2</sup> Dates for comments and reply comments were set at June 28, 2016 and July 26, 2016, respectively.<sup>3</sup> On May 13, the National Cable & Telecommunications Association filed a Motion for Extension of Time seeking to extend both the comment and reply comment deadlines.<sup>4</sup> On June 8, 2016, the Bureau denied that request, finding that a comment deadline extension was not

---

<sup>1</sup> The National Cable & Telecommunications Association, United States Telecom Association, and ITTA – The Voice of Mid-Size Communications Companies, Motion for Extension of Time, WC Docket Nos. 16-143, 05-25 (filed July 19, 2016) (Motion for Extension).

<sup>2</sup> *Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment*, Tariff Investigation Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 4723 (2016) (*Further Notice*).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 4916, para. 544.

<sup>4</sup> See National Cable & Telecommunications Association, Motion for Extension of Time, WC Docket Nos. 16-143, 05-25, RM-10593 (filed May 13, 2016).

necessary and that an extension for reply comments was not warranted at that time.<sup>5</sup> We find that circumstances raised by Petitioners since the June 8 Order support a brief extension of time.

3. Petitioners request a 21-day extension of the reply comment deadline in this proceeding.<sup>6</sup> Petitioners cite a number of factors in support of their request, including the voluminous record and a desire for more time to review and consider the Verizon/INCOMPAS proposed framework.<sup>7</sup> Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules provides that "[i]t is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted."<sup>8</sup> Upon review, we agree that a brief extension will allow parties to provide us with more thorough reply comments that will facilitate the compilation of a complete record in this proceeding, without causing undue delay to the Commission's consideration of these issues. We find, however, that a fourteen-day extension will be sufficient for this purpose and is more appropriate than the requested 21-day extension.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), 5, and 303(r) of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155, and 303(r), and sections 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, and 1.415 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, and 1.415, that the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, United States Telecom Association, and ITTA – The Voice of Mid-Size Communications Companies Motion for Extension filed on July 19, 2016, IS GRANTED IN PART to the extent described herein, and the deadline for filing reply comments in response to the *Further Notice* IS August 9, 2016.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Matthew S. DelNero  
Chief  
Wireline Competition Bureau

---

<sup>5</sup> *Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment*, WC Docket No. 16-143, Order, DA 16-641 (WCB 2016).

<sup>6</sup> Motion for Extension at 1.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 3-4. See Letter from Kathleen Grillo, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Verizon, and Chip Pickering, Chief Executive Officer, INCOMPAS, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-143 (filed June 27, 2016).

<sup>8</sup> 47 CFR § 1.46.