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PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING FILED AND ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR COMMENTS

The Chief Engineer today has accepted for comment two petitions proposing a new allocation of spectrum for mobile-satellite service. In addition the comment deadlines on two additional petitions that address the same issues have been extended.

On July 29, 1991, Ellipsat Corporation petitioned to allocate the 1610-1626.5/2483.5-2500 MHz bands for the mobile-satellite service. On June 3, 1991, American Mobile Satellite Corporation (AMSC) petitioned to allocate the 1515-1525/1616.5-1626.5 MHz bands for the mobile-satellite service. Related to the allocations and services proposed by these two petitions are the petitions of Constellation Communications, RM-7771, and TRW, Inc., RM-7773, that propose the allocation of substantially the same spectrum for similar services.[1] On September 10, 1991, Loral Cellular Systems Corporation (Loral) petitioned to extend the comment deadline on RM-7771 and RM-7773.[2]

We accept for comment the Ellipsat and AMSC petitions and designate the Ellipsat petition RM-7805 and the AMSC petition RM-7806. Comments on these two petitions may be filed by October 16, 1991. Reply comments may be submitted until October 31, 1991.

With regard to Loral's request to extend the comment period on RM-7771 and RM-7773, the Commission does not routinely grant extensions of time.[3] However, due the commonality of issues raised by these two petitions and by RM-7805 and RM-7806, we conclude that the public interest would be served by also extending the deadline for comment on these two petitions to October 16, 1991 and the reply comment deadline to October 31, 1991.

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[1] A Public Notice, Report No. 1855, regarding RM-7771 and RM-7773 was released on August 13, 1991. The Commission invited comments on these two petitions until September 13, 1991 and reply comments until September 30, 1991.

[2] This request was filed less than seven days before the filing deadline, see 47 C.F.R. section 1.46(b).

[3] 47 C.F.R. Section 1.46(a).

This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Section 4(i), 302, and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. Sections 154(i), 302, and 303, and pursuant to Sections 0.31 and 0.241 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Sections 0.31 and 0.241.

These petitions are available for inspection at the FCC public reference room at 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20054. Copies of this petitions may also be obtained from the Downtown Copy Center at telephone 202-452-1422. For additional information contact Ray LaForge at telephone 202-653-8117.

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