

Request for Extension of Time to File Comments

I add my voice to many others in support of the request for an extension of time to file initial comments and reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding made by Public Knowledge, the Greenlining Institute, the National Association of the Deaf, the Center for Rural Strategies, the Kentucky Resources Council, the National Consumer Law Center on behalf of its low income clients, Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc., Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technology for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH-RERC), and the United Church of Christ (“Movants”).

The above-captioned proceeding, and other Commission proceedings also currently ongoing that require the attention of many of the same parties, raise complex policy, factual, technical and legal issues that demand thorough responses if the Commission is to make fully informed decisions on the matters raised. Many industry groups and individual companies in the communications industry maintain full-time representatives dedicated to lobbying on communications issues and responding to Commission proceedings such as these. Most local governments, in contrast, must rely on staff responsible for many other matters and issues to also respond to proceedings such as these. In order to allow the Commission to be fully informed on a diverse range of information on the extremely important issues raised in this docket, the extension of time that has been requested is the minimum that is appropriate.