

RE: WC Docket No. 17-84

I want to join the chorus of voices calling for an extension of time of at least 30 days to file initial comments and at least another 30 for reply comments for FCC Docket Number 17-84. This is very important, as many (most) people have not even heard that their copper-wire landlines are threatened. AT&T has recently sent out little notices, enclosed with the rest of the papers in their monthly bills, which are mysterious to the point of being unreadable, contain partial information, and are entirely inadequate to inform customers of the impending loss of their landlines. Customers have called AT&T to try to understand what is meant by these notices, but AT&T's responses have been conflicting information that changes by the hour. More time is needed to straighten things out, just for a start.

A few of the groups that I have heard of so far who want an extension include: the City of New York, 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, 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.

Copper landline phones save lives.

Copper landline phone systems cost less than VOIP.

Cell phones are not adequate substitutes for corded copper landline phones.