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**REPLY COMMENTS OF THE  
RADIO TECHNICAL COMMISSION FOR MARITIME SERVICES (RTCM)**

**Introduction**

The Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) is a non-profit organization whose objectives include studying and preparing reports on maritime electronic navigation and telecommunications practices. Established by the U.S. government in 1947 to support technical decision-making in the area of maritime radiocommunications, RTCM is now a membership organization<sup>1</sup> that supports and encourages needed improvements in maritime communications and electronic navigation. RTCM develops and publishes technical standards, and it supports other domestic and international technical standards bodies and regulatory bodies. Because RTCM is involved in developing navigation and radiocommunications equipment affected by standards referenced in this Notice and because of its interest in furthering maritime safety, it is responding to comments filed in response to this Notice.

**Reply Comments**

RTCM has no objection.

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<sup>1</sup> RTCM membership is comprised of the maritime stakeholders from the US and foreign governments, marine equipment manufacturers, maritime communications service providers, marine dealers and distributors, US government contractors, technical standards organizations, technical service organizations, marine pilots organizations, marine transportation services, marine insurance providers and many other interested parties in the marine industry in the US and abroad.

