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Federal Communications Commission  
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In the Matter of

Revision of the Commission's rules  
to ensure compatibility with enhanced  
911 emergency calling systems

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS**

**Adopted: February 1, 1995; Released: February 7, 1995**

By the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. On September 19, 1994, the Commission adopted a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, FCC 94-102, released October 19, 1994, seeking comment on proposals for ensuring the compatibility of private branch exchanges and other private telephone systems with enhanced 911 emergency services. The *Notice* also included the Commission's proposal to adopt rules that would require wireless services to make enhanced 911 services available to mobile radio callers. Public notice of this action appeared in the *Federal Register* on November 2, 1994, 59 FR 54878.

2. The Commission has received a number of requests to extend the comment period in this proceeding. For example, on January 20, 1995, the Personal Communications Industry Association ("PCIA") filed a motion requesting that the time for filing replies in this proceeding be extended from February 8, 1995 to March 8, 1995. In support of its request PCIA states that approximately seventy (70) parties have filed opening comments totalling well over a thousand pages, and that the issues addressed by the *Notice* are exceedingly complex and technical. PCIA believes that an extension of time would result in a more useful and accurate record.

Similarly, on January 23, 1995, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. ("APCO") requested that the time for filing replies in this proceeding be extended until March 20, 1995. APCO states that it is reluctant to seek additional time, given that public safety groups like itself are anxious to resolve these issues. APCO states, however, that the public safety community feels a special responsibility to analyze carefully and respond to the comments of the other parties, and it believes that it needs an additional 40 days to perform its duty.

3. As set forth in Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.46, it is Commission policy that extensions of time not be routinely granted. We find, however, that petitioners have shown good cause for the requested extension. The public safety issues raised in this proceeding are obvious and significant: the *Notice* found that private branch exchange equipment should conform to the needs of its owners while ensuring that the location of callers to 911 are properly identified to public safety answering points, and that wireless service providers must be

able to ensure that mobile radio units provide the same level of access to 911 emergency services as is generally available to wireline customers. The technical complexity needed to achieve these goals, as well as the privacy implications which must be considered, require that we ensure an adequate opportunity to develop a complete record. In their petitions, both PCIA and APCO have noted the extensive filings--already over 1500 pages--which have been entered in this proceeding. We agree that the public interest would be served by granting an extension of time in which to file replies to the *Notice*. Accordingly, we will grant the requested relief.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the Requests for Extension of Time filed by PCIA and APCO are GRANTED.

5. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the date for filing replies to the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in this proceeding IS EXTENDED to March 17, 1995.

6. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i) and 303(r), and Sections 0.204(b), 0.291 and 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.204(b), 0.291 and 1.46.

7. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Alan Thomas, Domestic Facilities Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 634-1802.

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