

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

DA 95-18

In the Matter of )  
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Amendment of Parts 21 and 74 of the )  
Commission's Rules With Regard to )  
Filing Procedures in the Multipoint )  
Distribution Service and in the )  
Instructional Television Fixed Service )  
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and )  
)  
Implementation of Section 309(j) of the )  
Communications Act - Competitive Bidding )

MM Docket No. 94-131

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PP Docket No. 93-253

**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME  
FOR FILING COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS**

Adopted: January 4, 1995

Released: January 6, 1995

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau:

1. On December 1, 1994, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (*Notice*), FCC 94-293, 9 FCC Rcd 7665 (1994), 59 Fed. Reg. 63,743 (Dec. 9, 1994), in this proceeding, soliciting comment on revisions to our rules and procedures that will improve the Multipoint Distribution Service (MDS) application processes. The filing date for comments is currently January 9, 1995, and the date for filing reply comments is currently January 24, 1995.

2. On January 3, 1995, the Wireless Cable Association International, Inc. (WCAI) filed a request for an extension of time to submit comments in this proceeding. WCAI requests that the time afforded interested parties to submit comments be extended by two weeks, to January 23, 1995, and the time afforded for filing reply comments be extended to February 7, 1995. WCAI states that the Commission, in this *Notice*, proposes a wide variety of rule changes to govern the auctioning of MDS licenses and to regulate the provision of MDS services in the future. Of particular concern to WCAI is a possible change in the definition of protected service area for MDS stations. WCAI asserts that it has been working diligently to develop a proposal that will accommodate the Commission's goals without unduly restricting the wireless cable industry, and believes that it will be able to achieve a consensus at a quarterly meeting of the WCAI Board of Directors scheduled for January 10, 1995.

3. Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.46, it is our policy that extensions of time for filing comments in rulemaking proceedings shall not be routinely granted. However, under the circumstances described above, we believe that this brief extension of time to file comments and reply comments is warranted in light of the complexity of technical issues raised in this proceeding. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, that the request for extension of time filed by the Wireless Cable Association International, Inc. IS GRANTED, the time for filing comments in this proceeding IS EXTENDED to **January 23, 1995**, and the time for filing reply comments in this proceeding IS EXTENDED to **February 7, 1995**.

4. This action is taken pursuant to Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. Sections 4(i) and 303(r), and Sections 0.204(b), 0.283 and 1.415 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Sections 0.204(b), 0.283 and 1.415.

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Roy L. Stewart  
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