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

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In the Matter of)
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Amendment of Part 90 of the)
Commission's Rules to Facilitate)
Future Development of SMR Systems)
in the 800 MHz Frequency Band)

PR Docket No. 93-144

and

Implementation of Section 309(j))
of the Communications Act -)
Competitive Bidding)
800 MHz SMR)

PP Docket No. 93-253

To: The Commission

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
OF THE
PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

The Personal Communications Industry Association ("PCIA"), pursuant to Section 1.415 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.415, respectfully requests an Extension of Time to submit its Comments in the above-captioned proceeding.

On December 15, 1995, the Commission adopted a First Report and Order, Eighth Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making with regard to the assignment of Part 90 licenses in the 800 MHz band. The document requested Comments on certain issues relating to relocation of incumbent licensees in the "upper" 200 SMR Pool channels and licensing of the "lower" 80 SMR Pool channels and General Category frequencies.

The current deadline for Reply Comments is January 16, 1995. This deadline, only thirty days after the release of a document

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which has a far-reaching impact on an entire industry, would be difficult to meet in the best of circumstances. However, the Federal Government shutdown and additional closures for inclement weather have had a significant impact upon the ability of the industry to prepare Comments by the deadline.

First, as the Federal Government was shutdown at midnight on the day on which the document was adopted and released, the text has not been widely circulated. The document was not posted on the Commission's Internet site, and was only briefly available in the Commission Press Office.

Second, the unavailability of Commission personnel during the FCC shutdown has prevented industry representatives from being able to obtain clarification on several key issues discussed briefly in the document. Finally, since the thirty day period was encompassed within the December holiday period and subsequent blizzard, it has been difficult to discuss with association members their positions on the many issues in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the Personal Communications Industry Association respectfully requests a sixty (60) day extension until March 18, 1996 to file Comments in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

**PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS
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