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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W. - Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: PR Docket No. 92-257
RM-7956, 8031, 8352

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of Ross Engineering, we are filing an original and four (4) copies of its Request For Extension Of Time For Filing Comments and Reply Comments in the above cited matters.

If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment of the Commission's)	RM-7956, 8031, 8352
Rules Concerning Maritime)	
Communications)	

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME FOR FILING
COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS**

Ross Engineering, through its attorneys, hereby files this request for an extension of time to file Comments and Reply Comments on the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking¹ in the above cited proceeding. Issues raised in the Second Further Notice can have substantive impact on maritime telecommunications operations and maritime safety. Additional time is needed to complete the work of coordination and development of an industry consensus on those important issues.² For this reason, an extension of Comment date to September 15, 1997 and Reply Comment date to October 16, 1997 is requested.

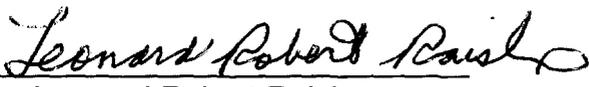
¹See FCC 97-217 released on June 26, 1997.

²Also, see U.S. Coast Guard Petition for Rulemaking to Amend Part 80 of the FCC Rules re Automatic Identification Systems dated August 1, 1997.

In addition to Ross Engineering, Mobile Marine Radio, MARITEL, and the cognizant offices of the U.S. Coast Guard concur in this request for extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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