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Re: *Implementaion of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and
Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act
of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128*

Dear Counselors:

This letter responds to the motion ("Motion") of September 4, 1997, by the Personal Communications Industry Association ("PCIA") to extend the deadline for reply comments to the public notice released on August 5, 1997¹ in this proceeding. We deny the motion.

In its Motion, PCIA requests that the reply comment deadline be extended ten days, from September 9 until September 19, 1997. PCIA states that its staff currently is not available to prepare reply comments, due to the preparation requirements of PCIA's annual conference the week of September 8, 1997.

We believe that the industry in general would benefit from the expeditious resolution of this proceeding because of the significant economic and technological matters at issue. In addition, parties to this proceeding have known since August 5, 1997, that the reply date for comments in response to the Public Notice is September 9, 1997. Finally, the Commission does not routinely grant time extensions.² It is therefore in the interest of both the industry and the public that this proceeding proceed on schedule.

¹ "Pleading Cycle Established for Comment on Remand Issues in the Payphone Proceeding," DA 97-1673 (rel. Aug. 5, 1997) ("Public Notice").

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Sections 1 and 4 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 154, and the authority delegated by Sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that the September 4, 1997 motion by the Personal Communications Industry Association to extend the reply comment period IS DENIED.

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