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In the Matter of)
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The Development of Operational, Technical, and)
Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State) WT Docket No. 96-86
and Local Public Safety Agency Communications)
Requirements Through the Year 2010)

To: The Commission

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING REPLY COMMENTS

The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. ("APCO") hereby requests an extension of the deadline for filing reply comments in response to the Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-captioned proceeding.

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC), of which APCO is a member, has asked the Commission to extend the deadline for initial comments until Wednesday, December 24. APCO supports that request. Reply comments are currently due on January 12, 1997, which is an unrealistic deadline even without consideration of the NPSTC request. Due to holiday office closings and travel schedules, copies of the initial comments are unlikely to be available for careful review by public safety officials around the country until the week of January 5. That leaves only one week to prepare comments. Normally, at least 30 days are allotted for reply comments, especially in a proceeding of this size and importance. APCO recognizes, however, that the Commission is under a tight schedule imposed by Congress. Therefore, APCO

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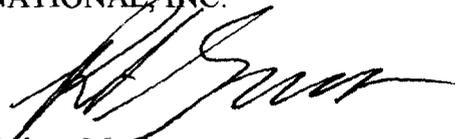
requests that the deadline for reply comments be extended at least until January 30, 1997. That date would also avoid conflict with mid-year meetings of the APCO Executive Council and Board of Officers during the period from January 20-25.

For the reasons stated above, and in the Motion for Extension of Time filed by NPSTC, the Commission should extend the initial comment filing deadline to December 24, 1997, and the reply comment deadline to January 30, 1998.¹

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Counsel for the International Municipal Signal Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs discussed this time extension with the undersigned and indicated his concurrence.