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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC

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 RM-8117, RM-8030, RM-8029
	)	
Implementation of Sections 3(n) and 322 of the Communications Act Regulatory Treatment of Mobile Services	)	GN Docket No. 93-252
	)	
Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act - Competitive Bidding	)	PP Docket No. 93-253
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and	)	
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In the Matter of	)	
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Applications of TELECELLULAR DE PUERTO RICO, INC. for Consent to Assignment of Certain SMR Stations Licensed to Island SMR, Inc., Island Digital Communications, Inc. and Caribbean Spectrum, Inc.	)	FCC File Nos. S001450, S001451 and S001452

To: Daniel B. Phythyon, Chief
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND TO HOLD PROCEEDINGS IN ABEYANCE

TELECELLULAR and North Sight Communications, Inc. ("North Sight"), by their respective attorneys and in accordance with Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") Rule Section 1.46(c), hereby jointly request that the Commission grant the parties extensions of time to file additional pleadings, as applicable, in the above-captioned

proceedings while the parties attempt to resolve the issues before the Commission in a manner that will obviate any need for Commission resolution of those matters. In accordance with FCC Rule Section 1.46(c), the parties have orally notified David Furth, Chief, Commercial Wireless Division that the instant Motion is being filed.

I. BACKGROUND

On December 12, 1997, North Sight filed a Petition for Partial Reconsideration requesting that the Commission reconsider its November 12, 1997 action granting TELECELLULAR's Petition for Reconsideration of its Extended Implementation ("EI") authority and related relief. TELECELLULAR submitted its Opposition to Petition for Partial Reconsideration on January 7, 1998. A Reply to that pleading by North Sight would be due on Tuesday, January 20, 1998.

On January 8, 1998, North Sight filed a Petition to Deny the involuntary assignment to TELECELLULAR of certain authorizations included in the EI authority. TELECELLULAR's response to that Petition is due on Thursday, January 22, 1998.

II. REQUEST

TELECELLULAR and North Sight request that the Bureau grant extensions of time in each of the above-captioned proceedings and hold in abeyance any decision by the Commission on those matters. The parties have initiated discussions that could lead to resolution of both of these proceedings and anticipate being able to advise the Commission within thirty days whether those discussions are likely to achieve that result. Grant of this Request is in the public interest as it will preserve the time and resources of the Commission and the parties. Additionally, grant of the Request will help ensure that the parties work diligently to reach a settlement of these matters which would result in a more expeditious and final resolution of the proceedings than might otherwise be possible.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, TELECELLULAR and North Sight hereby jointly request that the Bureau grant an extension of up to thirty days in both of the above-captioned proceedings and that the Commission hold the proceedings in abeyance during that period so that the parties can work toward a negotiated settlement of these matters for submission to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Linda J. Evans, a secretary in the law office of Lukas, Nace, Gutierrez & Sachs, hereby certify that I have, on this January 20, 1998 caused to be hand carried a copy of the foregoing Joint Motion for Extension of Time and to Hold Proceeding in Abeyance to the following:

David Furth, Chief
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