Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements	)	PS Docket No. 07-114
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ORDER

Extended Comment Date: December 15, 2014

Extended Reply Comment Date: December 24, 2014

Adopted: December 9, 2014 **Released: December 9, 2014**

By the Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau:

1. On November 20, 2014, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) released a *Public Notice*[1] seeking comment on the "Roadmap for Improving E911 Location Accuracy" (Roadmap), filed in the E911 Location Accuracy proceeding (PS Docket No. 07-114) by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), AT&T Mobility, Sprint, T-Mobile USA, and Verizon (Parties).[2] The Parties filed the Roadmap in response to the *Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in this proceeding, in which the Commission proposed measures and timeframes to improve location accuracy for 911 calls originating indoors.[3] The *Public Notice* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments on the Roadmap of December 10, 2014 and December 17, 2014, respectively.

2. On December 3, 2014, the Rural Wireless Association, Inc. (RWA) filed a Petition for Extension of Time to File Comments (RWA Petition), requesting an extension of the comment deadlines by 30 days.[4] RWA notes that it was not involved in the formulation of the Roadmap, and asserts that its members require additional time to evaluate the technical issues and timelines presented by the Roadmap and to determine its impact on small rural carriers and their subscribers.[5]

3. We partially grant RWA's extension request. As set forth in Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, the Commission's policy is that extensions of time for filing comments in

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[1] *See* Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comment in the E911 Location Accuracy Proceeding on the Location Accuracy "Roadmap" Submitted BY APCO, NENA, and the Four National Wireless Carriers, *Public Notice*, PS Docket No. 07-114, DA 14-1680 (PSHSB Nov. 20, 2014) (*Public Notice*).

[2] *See* Letter, John Wright, APCO International, Charles W. McKee, Sprint, Joan Marsh, AT&T Services, Inc., Kathleen O'Brien Ham, T-Mobile USA, Christy Williams, NENA-The 9-1-1 Association, Kathleen Grillo, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, PS Docket No. 07-114 (filed Nov. 18, 2014) (Roadmap Cover Letter), Attachment A, "Roadmap for Improving E911 Location Accuracy" (Roadmap), *available at* http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=60000986637.

[3] *See* Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements, *Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, PS Docket No. 07-114, 29 FCC Rcd 2374 (2014) (*Third Further Notice*).

[4] *See* RWA, Petition for Extension of Time to File Comments, PS Docket No. 07-114 (filed Dec. 3, 2014).

[5] *See id*. at 2-3.

rulemaking proceedings shall not be routinely granted.[6] In this case, the Commission has already received numerous comments and compiled an extensive record in this proceeding, including comments filed by RWA,[7] and the purpose of the *Public Notice* was solely to seek expedited comment on the Roadmap to ensure a complete and comprehensive record.[8] Accordingly, we find that a further 30-day extension at this late stage in the proceeding is not warranted. However, we grant a limited extension to afford small rural carriers and other interested members of the public additional time to respond to the technical and timeline aspects of the Roadmap. Specifically, we find that extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines to December 15, 2014 and December 24, 2014, respectively, is warranted. In addition, we will continue to entertain and consider *ex parte* presentations that parties may make pursuant to the Commission's rules to present further input for the record.[9]

4. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and Sections 0.191, 0.392, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.191, 0.392, and 1.46, the Petition for Extension of Time to File Comments, filed by the Rural Wireless Association, Inc., **IS GRANTED to the EXTENT SET FORTH HEREIN**, and that, the deadline to file comments and reply comments to the Roadmap filed on November 18, 2014 in this proceeding is extended to December 15, 2014 and December 24, respectively.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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[6] 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

[7] *See* Comments of Rural Wireless Association, PS Docket 07-114 (filed May 12, 2014).

[8] *Public Notice* at 2.

[9] 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq*.