

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

In the Matters of)	
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Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System)	PS Docket No. 15-94
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Wireless Emergency Alerts)	PS Docket No. 15-91

To: The Commission
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINES FOR FILING COMMENTS
AND REPLY COMMENTS**

The National Alliance of State Broadcasters Associations (“NASBA”), on behalf of its members, the State Broadcasters Associations of all fifty states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, by its attorneys in this matter and pursuant to Section 1.46(b) of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”),¹ hereby respectfully requests the Commission, for good cause shown below, to extend the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in response to the Commission’s *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“NPRM”) in this proceeding²: (i) from May 9, 2016 for a period of forty-five days to, and including, June 23, 2016, for opening comments and (ii) from June 7, 2016 for a period of thirty days to, and including, July 7, 2016, for reply comments.

Discussion

The NPRM raises a large number of issues and questions that are of great importance to the effective functioning of the nation’s critical public alert and warning systems. Among these

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(b).

² See *In the Matter of Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, PS Docket No. 15-94, PS Docket No. 15-91, FCC 16-5 (rel. Jan. 29, 2016).

are questions regarding substantial changes in the development and content of State EAS Plans, changes in the frequency of live code testing, the continued usefulness of local area EAS plans, and the use of social media platforms for alerting purposes. Many of the matters upon which the Commission seeks comment involve the extent to which additional burdens would be placed upon states and on volunteer State Emergency Communications Committees. Also at the heart of many of these matters is the balance between state and federal control over aspects of the emergency alert and warning systems, an issue which is of great importance to the governance of our nation.

As the alliance of the State Broadcasters Associations, which represent numerous local television and radio broadcasters which are key EAS participants,³ NASBA is in a unique position to assemble and provide critical input to the Commission on these matters. However, due to the length of the NPRM, the breadth and complexity of the issues raised therein, and the need to gather input from its members, while those members continue to attend to the other matters necessary to carry out their mission to serve local broadcasters, NASBA has determined that an extension of the comment deadlines is required in order to assure that it can prepare comments which will adequately and accurately reflect the views and input of the State Broadcasters Associations and their respective local broadcast members.

By providing the requested extension, the Commission can assure a more complete and useful record upon which to base its decisions as to the matters of great national significance which have been raised in this proceeding. We note that other organizations similarly have requested extensions of the comment deadlines in this proceeding, and NASBA supports those

³ See 47 C.F.R §11.11(a).

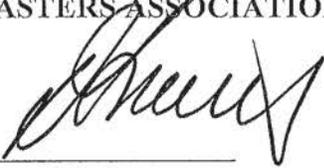
requests.⁴ The brief extension requested should not have a material effect on the ultimate dispatch of the Commission's business in this matter.

For these reasons, NASBA, on behalf of its State Broadcasters Association members, respectfully requests that the Commission extend the deadlines for filing comments in this proceeding to and including June 23, 2016, and for filing reply comments to and including July 7, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁴ See Requests for Extension filed by Monroe Electronics, Inc. and by The Broadcast Warning Working Group, PS Docket 15-94.