

**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

**COMMENTS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE SECC
IN SUPPORT OF AN EXTENSION TO THE DEADLINE
TO FILE COMMENTS IN THE ABOVE REFERENCE PROCEEDING**

The Washington State SECC respectfully submits this comment to support the recommendation and request made by Monroe Electronics for an extension of 45 days of the filing deadline made for the Emergency Alert System (EAS) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), PS-15-94.

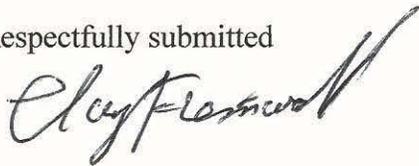
The Washington State SECC has been extremely proactive in supporting measures to improve the EAS, and has convened a subcommittee dedicated to formulating its own comments to this very substantive Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The Washington State SECC, along with many individual EAS Participants in the State of Washington, require additional time to adequately evaluate and respond to the questions posed by the Commission in its NPRM.

The Washington SECC also notes that the Commissions' Request for Comment on Ways to Facilitate Earthquake-Related Emergency Alerts (PS Docket No. 16-32), shares a similar deadline to the above-referenced NPRM. Washington has the second highest risk in the U.S. of these large and damaging earthquakes because of its geologic setting. The ability for

Washington's EAS Stakeholders to be to adequately review and respond to both Commission items will be extremely limited if a request for extension is not granted.

Due to the great detail of the Commission's NPRM, its great importance to the future of the nation's Emergency Alert System, and its coinciding with the Request for Comment on Earthquake Alerting, we concur that an extension of the filing deadline will give more EAS Participants a reasonable opportunity to respond with their own comments. The Washington State SECC feels that Monroe Electronic's request to extend the filing deadline by 45 days is quite reasonable, given the breadth and depth of questioning posed by the Commission in its lengthy NPRM.

Respectfully submitted



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