

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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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)

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

To: The Commission

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING COMMENTS IN
RESPONSE TO THIRD NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council ("NPSTC") hereby requests that the Commission grant an extension of time for the filing of comments in response to the Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("Third NPRM") in the above-captioned proceeding.

The First Report and Order and Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the Federal Register on November 2, 1998. Therefore, the comment due date (60 days after Federal Register publication) is January 4, 1999. This obviously falls immediately after an extended holiday period, making it difficult for NPSTC and other organizations to complete timely comments. Moreover, a substantial number of petitions for reconsideration were filed in this proceeding on December 2, 1998. In addition to preparing comments in response to the Third NPRM, many of NPSTC's members will be preparing oppositions and replies relative to those reconsideration petitions. Depending upon the when Federal Register notice of the petitions is published, the dates for

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responsive pleadings may also fall during early January, close to the filing date for comments in response to the Third NPRM.

Therefore, to ensure that all parties have an adequate opportunity to provide meaningful comments in this important proceeding, NPSTC respectfully requests that the Commission grant a thirty (30) day extension of time for filing comments. Especially in light of the pending reconsideration petitions, this extension is unlikely to cause delay in final Commission consideration of the issues raised in the Third NPRM.

Respectfully submitted,

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