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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In the Matter of)
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Establishment of an Improved Model for)
Predicting the Broadcast Television Field)
Strength Received at Individual Locations)

ET Docket No. 00-11

To: The Commission

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF THE
REPLY COMMENT DEADLINE**

The ABC Television Affiliates Association, the CBS Television Network Affiliates Association, the Fox Television Affiliates Association, and the NBC Television Affiliates Association (collectively, the "Network Affiliates"), by their attorneys and pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, respectfully request that the Commission extend the reply comment deadline in the above-captioned proceeding to March 14, 2000. The current reply comment deadline is March 7, 2000.¹ There is good cause for the Commission to grant this request for a one-week extension of time.

This proceeding pertains to the manner in which the effects of vegetation and buildings on signal intensity at individual locations should be incorporated into the Individual Location Longley-Rice ("ILLR") model. A number of interested parties filed comments critiquing the technical proposals contained in the *Notice*. A number of interested parties also suggested alternatives by which the Commission should modify the ILLR model or otherwise alter the determination of whether an individual household is "served" or "unserved" for purposes of the

¹ See *Notice of Proposed Rule Making ("Notice")*, FCC 00-17, released January 20, 2000.

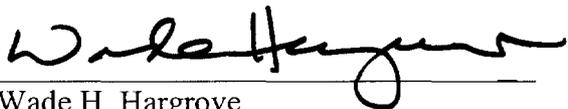
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compulsory copyright license contained in 17 U.S.C. § 119. These comments were filed on February 22, 2000, but many of the comments were not available for inspection in the Reference Room or on the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System until February 25, 2000. The technical matters contained in the *Notice* and in the comments require more than the nominally two-week period currently provided in order to analyze and comment upon these matters if the parties are to materially assist the Commission in its rulemaking process.

Although Network Affiliates are well aware that the Commission must complete this rulemaking proceeding by May 29, 2000, Network Affiliates do not interpose this Motion for purposes of delay but to enable all interested parties to prepare meaningful replies that cannot reasonably be accomplished under the existing deadline. The one-week extension requested will not materially delay the Commission's resolution of this proceeding nor prejudice any party.

Accordingly, Network Affiliates respectfully request that the Commission grant a one-week extension, until March 14, 2000, in the reply comment deadline in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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