

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the matters of	)	
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Investigation of Tariffs Filed by ACS of	)	CC Docket No. 02-36
Anchorage, Inc. and the National Exchange	)	
Carrier Association	)	
	)	
December 17, 2001 MAG Access Charge	)	CCB/CPD No. 01-23
Tariff Filings	)	

**GENERAL COMMUNICATION, INC.'S**  
**REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

General Communication, Inc. (“GCI”) hereby requests a limited extension of time for filing oppositions in the captioned proceeding by one week, until April 11, 2002. By its Order of March 1, 2002, the Commission granted ACS of Anchorage, Inc. (“ACS”) a two-week extension of time to March 21, 2002, in which to file its direct case in the captioned proceeding. In the same Order, the Commission extended the other comment dates by the same two-week period of time. The Commission directed the National Exchange Carrier Association (“NECA”) to file its direct case on or before March 28, 2002, and parties opposing the direct cases to file oppositions on or before April 4, 2002. If the Commission grants GCI’s request, then the date for filing rebuttals should also be moved to April 16, 2002. GCI notes that its request for a one-week extension of time is not opposed by ACS, and is supported by AT&T.

The direct case filed today by ACS will require extensive analysis. The Commission issued its Order Designating Issues for Investigation (“Designation Order”) on February 15, 2002. Thus, ACS and NECA have had five weeks to compile their respective direct cases. In contrast, parties filing oppositions have only two weeks to analyze and respond to ACS’s direct case, and one week to analyze and respond to NECA’s direct case. GCI intends to file an

opposition, however, key GCI personnel will not be available to assist in preparing GCI's opposition during the allotted two-week period. GCI notes that its personnel scheduling conflicts did not arise until the schedule had been adjusted to accommodate ACS's request for extension.

Given the complex issues addressed in ACS's direct case filing, the short time period in which opposing parties must analyze and respond to the direct cases, and the absence of key GCI personnel during this time period, GCI requests a limited extension of time. Grant of this extension will serve the public interest by ensuring that GCI and other parties have a sufficient opportunity to submit comprehensive responses, which will help ensure that the Commission has as complete a record as possible on which to render a decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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