

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

In the Matter of)
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Effects of Communications Towers on Migratory) WT Docket No. 03-187
Birds)

**JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO FILE COMMENTS**

The Undersigned,¹ pursuant to Section 1.46(b) of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") rules,² respectfully file this motion for a 90-day extension for all interested parties to file comments in the above-captioned proceeding.³ This joint motion represents a groundbreaking effort by the leading environmental and communications infrastructure organizations to work together to explore these complex issues and to attempt to narrow the parties' differences in this docket. The Undersigned share a common goal of protecting the environment while providing communications services to the American people. The additional time requested herein will allow us to focus on this common goal and narrow areas of disagreement. Furthermore, the extension will not prejudice any interested parties. In fact, the additional time will advance the public interest by ultimately resulting in a record that more clearly and fully reflects the areas of agreement and disagreement between the parties and allows the FCC to more effectively address the remaining open issues.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") in this proceeding was published in the Federal Register on November 22, 2006. After reviewing the NPRM and consulting with the relevant constituencies, on December 13, 2006, the Undersigned engaged in an initial meeting to open a dialogue related to avian tower safety. At the meeting, representatives determined that through additional discussions and meetings, the Undersigned could work together to consider approaches to focus and

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² 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(b) (2006).

³ *Effects of Communications Towers on Migratory Birds*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WT Docket No. 03-187, FCC 06-164 (NPRM); see 71 Fed. Reg. 67510 (November 22, 2006) (setting deadlines of January 22, 2007, for comments and February 20, 2007 for reply comments).

narrow the complex issues associated with avian tower safety. By granting this extension of time, the Commission will give interested parties an opportunity to continue this process and engage in complete and meaningful discussions.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated herein, the Undersigned respectfully request that the Commission grant this motion for an extension of time until April 23, 2007 to file comments on the NPRM, and until May 23, 2007 to file reply comments. Because of the approaching January 22, 2007 comment deadline, expedited action on this motion is respectfully requested.

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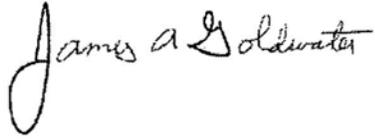
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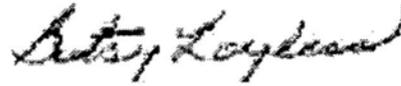
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