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**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of )  
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Rural Cellular Association ) RM-11497  
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Petition for Rulemaking Regarding Exclusivity )  
Arrangement Between Commercial Wireless )  
Carriers and Handset Manufacturers )

To: Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

**MOTION IN SUPPORT OF RURAL CELLULAR ASSOCIATION (RCA) AND  
CTIA'S JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), pursuant to Section 1.46(b) of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules, hereby submits a motion in support of Rural Cellular Association (RCA) and CTIA- The Wireless Association's joint motion for extension of time<sup>1</sup> and requests a 60-day extension of the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in response to the above-captioned Petition. Pursuant to this request, comments would be due Monday February 2, 2009, and reply comments would be due Friday February 20, 2009. The additional time is

<sup>1</sup> See Joint Motion for Extension of Time, *Rural Cellular Association and CTIA-The Wireless Association Joint Request for Extension of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines*, RM-11497 (filed Nov. 20, 2008).

necessary for all parties to consider the issues raised by RCA's Petition and prepare submission enabling the Commission to make an informed decision based on a fully developed record.

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau established deadlines of December 2, 2008 for comments and December 22, 2008 for replies in response to the RCA Petition.<sup>2</sup> If motion for extension of time is granted, the additional time will ensure that all comments submitted in this procedure fully address each issue raised by RCA's Petition.

The issues raised by the Petition are important not only to the future of wireless communications but to the telecommunications industry as a whole. Additional time would allow all interested parties to thoroughly address these issues and ensure that no unintended consequences result from a hasty rulemaking procedure. An extension of time would serve the public interest by allowing parties to prepare more accurate and researched comments and produce a more complete public record without causing injury to any party. For these reasons, TIA respectfully requests that the Commission grant the requested motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>2</sup> See Public Notice, *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Petition for Rulemaking Regarding Exclusivity Arrangements Between Commercial Wireless Carriers and Handset Manufacturers*, RM-11497, DA 08-2278 (WTB rel. Oct. 10, 2008), pleading cycle established 73 Fed. Reg. 63127 (Oct. 23, 2008).

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