

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

In the Matter of)	
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Implementing a Nationwide,)	
Broadband, Interoperable Public)	PS Docket No. 06-229
Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band)	

To: Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

**REQUEST OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT COMMENTS**

The District of Columbia (“District”) respectfully requests an extension of one month to file comments in response to the Bureau’s May 18, 2010 *Notice* seeking “comment on interoperability, out of band emissions, and equipment certification for 700 MHz public safety broadband networks.”¹ The Bureau set June 17, 2010 as the deadline for filing the requested comments.

The Bureau’s *Notice* followed on its May 12, 2010 order granting conditional waivers to twenty-one public safety entities for early deployment of public safety broadband networks in the 700 MHz public safety broadband spectrum.² On May 13, 2010, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (“NTIA”) announced the re-opening for one month of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (“BTOP”) application period

¹ Public Notice, “Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comment on Interoperability, Out of Band Emissions, and Equipment Certification for 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband Networks,” DA 10-884 (May 18, 2010) (“*Notice*”).

² See Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks, PS Docket 06-229, *Order*, FCC 10-79 (rel. May 12, 2010).

for requests for funding construction of 700 MHz public safety broadband networks as permitted pursuant to the twenty-one conditional waivers. NTIA set July 1 as the deadline for submission of BTOP funding applications.³

The deadline to submit comments in response to the Bureau's May 18 *Notice* occurs during the very short period within which waiver recipients may prepare and file complex and resource-intensive BTOP applications. As a result, the District respectfully requests that the Bureau allow one additional month for the submission of comments in response to the May 18 *Notice*.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ Press Release, "NTIA to Accept Additional Proposals for Broadband Projects to Improve Public Safety Communications" (May 13, 2010).