

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

In the Matter of	)	
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Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications	)	PS Docket No. 11-153
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Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment	)	PS Docket No. 10-255
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**4G AMERICAS  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF REPLY COMMENT DEADLINE**

Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission’s Rules,<sup>1</sup> 4G Americas respectfully submits this request for a 30-day extension of the reply comment deadline in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-captioned proceedings. Reply comments are currently due no later than January 10, 2012.<sup>2</sup> 4G Americas believes that such an extension is warranted to ensure a complete and robust record regarding our shared goals on the development of Next Generation 911 (“NG911”).

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

<sup>2</sup> See *Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Announces Comment and Reply Comment Dates for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Next Generation 911 Proceeding*, PS Docket Nos. 11-153, 10-255, DA 11-1703 (rel. Oct. 12, 2011).

4G Americas recognizes that the Commission does not routinely grant requests to extend filing deadlines. However, the Commission has found that a pleading cycle extension is warranted when necessary to ensure that the Commission receives full and informed responses, and that affected parties have a meaningful opportunity to develop a complete record for the Commission's consideration.<sup>3</sup> Given the important public benefits at stake with NG911, and the large number of comments filed to date, an extension is warranted.

The 30-day reply period covers the holiday season, when many interested parties may be out of the office and not able to review thoroughly stakeholders' initial comments or to coordinate and draft reply comments within their associations. Consistent with Commission precedent, an extension of the reply comment deadline is appropriate to enable affected stakeholders – including both industry and public safety interests alike – to thoroughly review the information put on the record to date and to inform the Commission of their response. No parties will be prejudiced by such an extension.

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<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., *Media Bureau Grants Extension of Time to File Comments and Reply Comments In Response to Broadcast Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, Public Notice, MB Docket No. 04-233, DA 08-515 (MB 2008) (“we agree that an extension of the comment and reply comment period is warranted to enable commenters to adequately review, investigate, and comment on the specific issues raised in the *NPRM* and respond to the extensive comments filed in response thereto); *Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers*, Order, 20 FCC Rcd. 19868, ¶ 3 (WTB 2005); *Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 2155-2175 MHz Band, Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 1915-1920 MHz, 1995-2000 MHz, 2020-2025 MHz and 2175-2180 MHz Bands*, Order, 23 FCC Rcd. 10527, ¶ 4 (WTB 2008); *Elimination of Rate-of-Return Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Order, 18 FCC Rcd. 26307, ¶ 2 (WCB 2003); *Telephone Number Portability*, Order, 18 FCC Rcd. 26604, ¶ 2 (WCB 2003).

For the foregoing reasons, 4G Americas requests that the Commission promptly issue an extension of the reply comment deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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