

Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. Copies of the Supplemental Comments of the Consensus Parties also may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com. For further information regarding the public reference file for this Public Notice, contact Maria Ringold, Chief, Wireless Branch, RIC, (202) 418-1355, with reference to the DA number of this *Public Notice*.

Comments may be filed using the ECFS or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rule Making Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1988). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the docket number "02-55."

Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message: "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Ave., NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 90

[WT Docket No. 02-55; DA 03-163]

Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band; Consolidating the 800 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels Order Extending Time for Filing of Comments

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comments and reply comments due dates.

SUMMARY: This document addresses the Request for Extension of Time (Request) filed by the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA). The Request sought additional time to respond to the public notice that sought comment on "Supplemental Comments of the Consensus Parties" filed in the 800 MHz Public Safety Interference Proceeding—WT Docket No. 02-55. The Bureau extended the comment and reply comment due dates. Extending the comment and reply comment period permits for a more thorough review of the proposal advanced in the "Supplemental Comments of the Consensus Parties" and affords additional time to prepare comments and reply comments. Such comments will enhance the record of WT Docket 02-55 and lead to an improvement in public safety operations in the 800 MHz band and will reduce interference experienced by 800 MHz public safety operators.

DATES: Comments are due on or before February 10, 2003 and Reply Comments are due on or before February 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission 445, 12th Street, SW., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. See Supplementary Information for filing instructions

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Franklin, Esq., or Michael J. Wilhelm, Esq., Policy and Rules Branch, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division at (202) 418-0680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Order Extending Time for Filing of Comments*, DA 03-163, adopted on January 16, 2003, and released on January 16, 2003. The full text of this document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. The complete text may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554. The full text may also be downloaded at: www.fcc.gov. Alternative formats are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millin at (202) 418-7426 or TTY (202) 418-7365 or at bmillin@fcc.gov.

On December 24, 2002, the "Consensus Parties" filed supplemental comments further explaining the particulars of their proposal addressing interference experienced by 800 MHz public safety systems. On January 3, 2003, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau sought comment on the Consensus Parties supplemental comments. On January 13, 2002, the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA) filed a *Request for Extension of Time (Request)* in the captioned proceeding, asking that the current date set for the filing of comments, February 3, 2003, and the date set for filing of reply comments, February 18, 2003, be extended by four weeks; *i.e.* that the date for submitting comments be changed to March 3, 2003, and the date for submitting reply comments be changed to March 18, 2003. We also note that Cinergy Corporation, Entergy Corporation and Entergy Services, Inc., Consumers Energy Company and Southern Communications Company each submitted pleadings supporting CTIA's request.

It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted. Here, CTIA requests additional time to thoroughly review the plan presented in the supplemental comments thereby to provide a more complete record in this docket. CTIA also asserts that it needs additional time to permit consultation with its members and expert personnel. It submits that time is not of the essence in this proceeding because the proposed band reconfiguration would take several years to implement. We disagree. On March 15, 2002, the Commission released the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)*, [67 FR 16351, April 5, 2002], associated with this docket. In the *NPRM*, the Commission stated that it intended to move swiftly to achieve its

objective—improving the spectrum environment for public safety operations in the 800 MHz Band. However, finding some merit in the arguments advanced by CTIA and in the supporting pleadings, we believe that a modest extension of time “one week” may serve to compile a more complete record. Therefore, we hereby extend the comment date to February 10, 2003 and extend the reply comment date to February 25, 2003.

Accordingly, *it is Ordered* that CTIA's *Motion for Extension of Time is Granted* to the extent expressed herein and *is Denied* in all other respects, and that the time for filing comments in the captioned proceeding *is Extended* until February 10, 2003 and the time for filing reply comments in the captioned proceeding *is Extended* until February 25, 2003.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 0, 43, 63 and 64

[IB Docket Nos. 02–324, 96–261; DA 03–312]

International Settlements Policy Reform and International Settlement Rates

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of reply comment period.

SUMMARY: On October 25, 2002, the Federal Communications Commission published a proposed rule document initiating a proceeding to re-examine the Commission's International Settlements Policy. The Commission received comments from a substantial number of foreign carriers or associations based in foreign countries. To ensure proper translations as well as the need for timely access to the initial comments, the Commission decided to extend the reply comment period by 12 days.

DATES: Reply comments are due on or before February 18, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. See Supplementary Information for filing instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Ball, Chief, or Lisa Choi, Senior Legal Advisor, Policy Division, International Bureau, (202) 418–1460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. On October 11, 2002, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment from the public regarding possible reform of its International Settlements Policy, International Simple Resale and benchmarks policies, and the issue of foreign mobile termination rates. (See 67 FR 65527, October 25, 2002.)

2. On January 14, 2003, the Commission received comments from twenty parties on the issues under consideration in the NPRM. A substantial number of initial commenters are either foreign carriers or associations based in foreign countries. Therefore, recognizing the potential need of some of these commenters for additional time to ensure proper translations as well as the need for timely access to the initial comments through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), we extend the comment due date for replies regarding the NPRM, FCC 02–285, IB Docket Nos. 02–324 & 96–261, by 12 days to February 18, 2003 in order to afford all members of the public a full opportunity to comment on the issues raised in the initial comments. We find that the public interest will be served by this brief extension of the reply dates to allow for a more complete record in this proceeding.

3. Accordingly, pursuant to § 1.1 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1, the new reply comment due date is February 18, 2003. Instructions for filing pleadings in this proceeding are set forth in the NPRM, available on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

Federal Communications Commission:

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Chief, Policy Division, International Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Part 173

[Docket No. RSPA–99–6223 (HM–213B)]

RIN 2137–AD36

Hazardous Materials: Safety Requirements for External Product Piping on Cargo Tanks Transporting Flammable Liquids

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM).

SUMMARY: RSPA is considering alternatives for reducing safety risks associated with the transportation of flammable liquids in unprotected product piping (wetlines) on DOT specification cargo tank motor vehicles. In this notice, RSPA is soliciting comments and information regarding methods to reduce the risks posed by wetlines. In addition, we are seeking answers to questions to assist in determining whether further regulatory action is warranted. Regulatory amendments that may be promulgated as a result of comments to this notice will be developed jointly with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), which has primary enforcement authority for cargo tank motor vehicles and highway transportation.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: *Written Comments:* Submit written comments to the Dockets Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Comments should identify the docket number, RSPA–99–6223 (HM–213B), and be submitted in two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that RSPA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. You may also submit comments via e-mail by accessing the Dockets Management System Web site at “<http://dms.dot.gov>”. Click on “Help & Information” to obtain instructions for filing the document electronically. You may also send your comments by facsimile to (202) 366–3753.

The Docket Management System is located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the U.S. Department of Transportation at the above address. You may review public dockets between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday