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

In the Matter of	)	
Comprehensive Review of Licensing and Operating Rules for Satellite Services	)	IB Docket No. 12-267

ORDER

Adopted: November 24, 2014 **Released: November 24, 2014**

Extended Comment Filing Deadline: January 29, 2015
Extended Reply Comment Filing Deadline: March 2, 2015

By the Chief, International Bureau:

1. On September 30, 2014, the Commission released a *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)* in which it initiated further review of Part 25 of its rules governing licensing and operation of space stations and earth stations.[1] A summary published in the Federal Register specified a deadline of December 15, 2014 for filing comments on the *FNPRM* and a January 14, 2015 deadline for filing reply comments.[2] By this Order, we extend these filing deadlines until January 29 and March 2, 2015.

2. This extension comports with the request of the Satellite Industry Association (SIA) to postpone the comment and reply deadlines by 45 days.[3] Given the technical complexity and significant implications to the industry of many of the proposals aired in the *FNPRM*, SIA maintains that interested parties need additional time to respond.[4] SIA also asserts that many satellite industry experts have been unavailable for consultation due to the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference held in Korea in October and November 2014.[5] No party has opposed the proposed extension of time. Although the Commission does not routinely grant extensions of time,[6] we agree that 45-day extensions of time for filing comments and reply comments are warranted in

[1] *Comprehensive Review of Licensing and Operating Rules for Satellite Services*, IB Docket No. 12-267, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 11619 (2014).

[2] 79 Fed Reg. 65106 (Oct. 31, 2014).

[3] Motion for 45-Day Extension of Time to File Comments, filed in IB Docket No.12-267 on November 10, 2014.

[4] *Id*. at 2.

[5] *Id*.

[6] 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

this instance for the reasons stated by SIA.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and Sections 0.51, 0.261, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.51, 0.261, and 1.46, that the Satellite Industry Association's motion for extension of time IS GRANTED and that the time for filing comments in this proceeding is extended to January 29, 2015 and the time for filing reply comments is extended to March 2, 2015.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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