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**EXTENSION OF DEADLINES FOR COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS  
ON PART 87 *THIRD FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING* REGARDING 121.5  
MHZ EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTERS**

**WT Docket No. 01-289**

**Extended Comment Deadline: April 1, 2013**

**Extended Reply Comment Deadline: May 2, 2013**

By this *Public Notice*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau extends the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding. On March 30, 2012, the Commission released the *Third Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in WT Docket No. 01-289, Review of Part 87 of the Commission's Rules Concerning the Aviation Radio Services.<sup>1</sup> Comments and reply comments were due March 1 and March 18, 2013, respectively. On February 25, 2013, the Airline Owners and Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, and National Air Transportation Association requested a 60-day extension of the comment deadline in order to allow more time to review, discuss with their memberships, and respond to the *Third Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making*.<sup>2</sup> We grant the request in part.

As set forth in Section 1.46(a) of the Commission's Rules,<sup>3</sup> the Commission's policy is that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted. Given the importance of the issues in this proceeding and in the interest of enabling interested parties to file comments, however, we believe that granting the request in part is necessary to facilitate the development of a full record. Due to a desire to conduct a prompt review of the record, we find that the requested 60-day extension is excessive,<sup>4</sup> and instead we grant a 30-day extension of the comment deadline and a 45-day extension of the reply comment deadline.

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<sup>1</sup> Review of Part 87 of the Commission's Rules Concerning the Aviation Radio Services, *Third Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, WT Docket No. 01-289, 28 FCC Rcd 512 (2013).

<sup>2</sup> Request for Comment Period Extension, WT Docket No. 01-289 (filed Feb. 25, 2013).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

<sup>4</sup> We note that interested parties have been on notice since 2011 that the Commission would seek comment on the issues presented in the *Third Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making*. See Review of Part 87 of the Commission's Rules Concerning the Aviation Radio Services, *Order*, WT Docket No. 01-289, 26 FCC Rcd 685, 687 ¶ 5 (2011).