

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

In the Matter of)	
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Fourth Annual Report to Congress on Status)	IB Docket No. 14-229
of Competition in the Satellite Services)	
Industry)	

ORDER

Adopted: December 30, 2014

Released: December 30, 2014

Extended Comment Filing Deadline: February 6, 2015

Extended Reply Comment Filing Deadline: February 23, 2015

By the Chief, International Bureau:

1. On November 25, 2014, the Commission released a Public Notice in which it invited interested parties to submit comments into the record for the Fourth Satellite Competition Report, which will analyze the 2011 through 2013 calendar years.¹ The Public Notice specified a deadline of January 7, 2015 for filing comments and a January 22, 2015 deadline for filing reply comments.² By this Order, we extend these filing deadlines until February 6 and February 23, 2015.

2. This extension comports with the request of the Satellite Industry Association (SIA) to postpone the comment and reply deadlines by 30 days.³ SIA maintains additional time is needed to respond because SIA and its member companies are currently working on several pending proceedings of significant concern to the satellite industry, which have pleading cycles that overlap the comment schedule established by the Public Notice.⁴ According to SIA, this overlap makes it difficult for SIA members to devote the necessary time to prepare responsive comments to the Public Notice under the existing comment schedule.⁵ SIA also asserts that many satellite industry experts will be unavailable for consultation due to holiday vacation

¹ *Fourth Annual Report to Congress on Status of Competition in the Satellite Service Industry*, IB Docket No. 14-229, Public Notice, DA 14-1707 (Nov. 25, 2014) (Public Notice).

² *Id.*

³ Motion for 30-Day Extension of Comment Dates, filed in IB Docket No.14-229 on December 19, 2014.

⁴ *Id.* at 1-2 (citing reform of the Part 25 regulatory framework, use of spectrum bands above 24 GHz, and development of Commission positions for the 2015 World Radio Conference).

⁵ *Id.* at 2.

schedules at the end of the year.⁶ No party has opposed the proposed extension of time. Although the Commission does not routinely grant extensions of time,⁷ we agree that 30-day extensions of time for filing comments and reply comments are warranted in 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 February 6, 2015 and the time for filing reply comments is extended to February 23, 2015.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).