

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

In the Matter of)	
)	WT Docket No. 10-254
Request for Updated Information and Comment)	
on Wireless Hearing Aid Compatibility)	WT Docket No. 07-250
Regulations)	

ORDER

Adopted: January 12, 2015

Released: January 12, 2015

Extended Comment Filing Deadline: February 5, 2015

Extended Reply Comment Filing Deadline: February 20, 2015

By the Division Chief, Spectrum and Competition Policy Division,
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau:

1. On November 21, 2014, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and the Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau released a Public Notice in which we sought updated comment and reply comment in our ongoing review of the wireless hearing aid compatibility rules.¹ The Public Notice set the deadline for filing comments at 30 days after its publication in the Federal Register and reply comments at 45 days after its publication in the Federal Register.² The Public Notice was published in the Federal Register on December 23, 2014 and, thereby, established the deadline for filing comments as January 22, 2015, and reply comments as February 6, 2015.³

2. On January 6, 2015, the Telecommunications Industry Association, CTIA – The Wireless Association, and Hearing Loss Association of America (collectively, “Petitioners”) filed a joint request to extend the established comment and reply comment deadlines by 30 days.⁴ Petitioners argue that a 30 day extension is in the public interest as it allows them to develop meaningful, substantive responses to the questions raised in the Public Notice.⁵ As a result, Petitioners state that a more robust record will be developed if a 30 day extension is granted.⁶ In addition, Petitioners emphasize that the extension would be particularly useful in light of the holidays that fell within the window to file comments.⁷

¹ Request for Updated Information and Comment on Wireless Hearing Aid Compatibility Regulations, *Public Notice*, WT Docket Nos. 10-254 and 07-250, DA 14-1688 (rel. Nov. 21, 2014) (Public Notice).

² *See id.* at ¶ 18.

³ *See* Federal Communications Commission, Request for Updated Information and Comment on Wireless Hearing Aid Compatibility Regulations, 79 Fed. Reg. 76944 (Dec. 23, 2014).

⁴ Joint Request for Extension of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines, Telecommunications Industry Association, CTIA – The Wireless Association, and Hearing Loss Association of America, WT Docket Nos. 10-254 and 07-250, filed Jan. 6, 2015.

⁵ *Id.* at 1.

⁶ *Id.* at 2.

⁷ *Id.*

3. The Commission does not routinely grant extensions of time.⁸ Given the intervening holidays, however, we will grant a 14 day extension to the filing deadlines. We wish to encourage the thoughtful consideration of the complex issues raised in this proceeding, and we believe the additional time will facilitate careful and deliberate considerations of these matters. At the same time, a 14 day extension will not unduly delay the resolution of the issues raised in the Public Notice.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, 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, the Joint Request for Extension of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines filed by the Telecommunications Industry Association, CTIA – The Wireless Association, and Hearing Loss Association of America IS GRANTED to the extent indicated herein and the deadlines to file comments in this proceeding are extended to February 5, 2015, and reply comments to February 20, 2015.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).