

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
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Intelligent Networks ) CC Docket No. 91-346  
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ORDER

Adopted: July 5, 1995 Released: July 5, 1995

By the Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. On June 30, 1995, NYNEX Telephone Companies (NYNEX) requested an extension of time to file comments and reply comments in the Intelligent Networks (INs) proceeding. Comments are scheduled to be filed by July 12, 1995 and replies by July 19, 1995.<sup>1</sup> NYNEX seeks an extension until July 26, 1995 for comments and August 9, 1995 for replies.

2. NYNEX gives three reasons for its request. First, NYNEX argues that it has had difficulty in obtaining the two filings in the proceedings on which the Commission seeks comment. Second, NYNEX argues that the filings "raise complex substantive matters" that will require additional time for adequate review. Third, NYNEX asserts that additional time will enable more focused and thorough submissions.

3. We do not routinely grant extensions of time.<sup>2</sup> In this case, however, we are persuaded that because of the complexity of the issues presented by the two filings that additional time will enable commenting parties to develop more substantive responses. In the Public Notice, the Commission sought comment on the collaborative proposal for market trials and laboratory tests for intelligent network services filed by Bell Atlantic, GTE, Pacific Bell, Southwestern Bell and five other supporting local exchange carriers (LECs). The LECs presented the proposal as the method for the Commission to proceed on INs rather than the mediated access proposed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in CC Docket No. 91-346 (8 FCC Rcd 6813 (1993)). The Public Notice also sought comment on the report filed by Ameritech regarding competitively provided INs. Ameritech contends that there has been

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<sup>1</sup> Public Notice, Intelligent Networks Proceeding, CC Docket 91-346, DA 95-1456, released June 28, 1995.

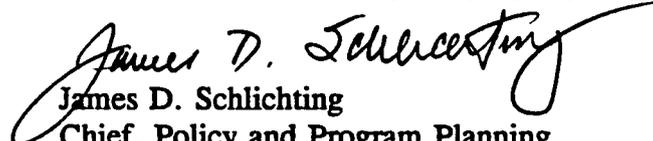
<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

increased competition and consumer choice in access to and use of IN capabilities since the release of the NPRM. Thus, Ameritech contends that the Commission should not mandate third party access.

4. Because of the complex technology and competitive issues presented by these filings, we conclude that parties should have additional time to develop their responses. Although it is important to provide parties sufficient time to more fully respond to the two filings, we decline to provide the full period requested by NYNEX because it would result in delays in the proceeding. We conclude that an additional week for the comment and reply periods will provide parties with sufficient time to prepare responses. Therefore, we grant all parties an extension of time for the filing of comments from July 12, 1995 to July 19, 1995 and for the filing of reply comments from July 19, 1995 to August 2, 1995.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the NYNEX Request for Extension of Time IS GRANTED to the extent provided herein, and otherwise IS DENIED.<sup>3</sup>

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

  
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<sup>3</sup> This action is taken pursuant to Sections 4(j) and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(j) and 155(c), and authority delegated thereunder pursuant to Sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291.