

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

In the Matter of)	
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Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services)	WC Docket No. 12-375
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ORDER

Adopted: December 17, 2014

Released: December 17, 2014

Revised Comment Date: January 12, 2015

Revised Reply Comment Date: January 27, 2015

By the Associate Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. In this order, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants in part a request for an extension of the “deadlines for comments in response to the most recent Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Docket 12-375” filed on December 10, 2014 by the Prison Policy Initiative (PPI).¹ As discussed more fully below, the Bureau finds that good cause exists to grant in part PPI’s request for a modest time extension for all comment filers.

2. On October 22, 2014, the Commission released the *Inmate Calling Second FNPRM*, in which it sought comment on a number of outstanding issues.² Dates for comments and reply comments subsequently were set at January 5 and January 20, 2015, respectively.³

3. PPI requests that parties be allowed a two-week extension of time to file comments on those questions raised in the *Second Further Notice*; until January 20, 2015 for initial comments and until February 4, 2015 for reply comments.⁴ PPI argues that a grant of additional time would “allow both the public and industry participants sufficient time to meaningfully respond to the Commission’s request for comment.”⁵ PPI also states that it has spoken with several interested parties that consent to this request.⁶ Securus Technologies, Inc. (Securus) filed an opposition to the PPI Request.⁷ In its opposition, Securus argues that “[t]he parties in this proceeding have been given ample time to consider their responses to the

¹ Letter from Peter Wagner, Executive Director, PPI, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 12-375 (filed Dec. 10, 2014) (PPI Request).

² See *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 13170 (2014) (*Inmate Calling Second FNPRM* or *Second Further Notice*).

³ See *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces the Comment Cycle for the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Inmate Calling Services Proceeding*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Public Notice, DA 14-1682 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Nov. 21, 2014).

⁴ PPI Request at 1.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ See *id.*

⁷ See generally *Opposition of Securus Technologies, Inc. to Prison Policy Initiative’s Motion for Extension*, WC Docket No. 12-375 (filed Dec. 12, 2014).

Second FNPRM” and “[t]he issues under consideration in this proceeding must be resolved expeditiously in order to provide finality to what is now a volatile market.”⁸

4. Section 1.46 of the Commission’s rules provides that “[i]t is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.”⁹ Upon review, we agree that a modest time extension will allow parties to provide us with more fulsome comments that will facilitate the compilation of a complete record in this proceeding, without causing undue delay to the Commission’s consideration of these issues.

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), 5, and 303(r) of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155, and 303(r), and sections 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, and 1.415 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, and 1.415, that the Prison Policy Initiative Request filed on December 10, 2014 IS GRANTED IN PART to the extent described herein and IS OTHERWISE DENIED, and the deadline for filing comments to the *Second Further Notice* IS January 12, 2015 and reply comments IS January 27, 2015.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁸ *Id.* at 1.

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.