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## INTERNATIONAL BUREAU, OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, AND WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANT EXTENSION OF COMMENT DEADLINE ON GLOBALSTAR, INC. PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

RM No. 11685

**Extended Comment Date: January 14, 2013**

On November 13, 2012 Globalstar, Inc. filed a Petition for Rulemaking (Petition) seeking to reform the Commission's regulatory framework for the terrestrial use of the Big LEO MSS band. The Petition was placed on public notice on November 30, 2012, with comments due 30 days later, on December 30, 2012.<sup>1</sup>

On December 6, 2012, the Wi-Fi Alliance filed a request to extend the comment deadline by two weeks due to the upcoming holiday season.<sup>2</sup> On December 7, 2012, Engineers for the Integrity of Broadcast Auxillary Services Spectrum (EIBASS) filed a request for an extension of the comment deadline by the same time period.<sup>3</sup>

It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted.<sup>4</sup> Such extensions may be warranted when, among other things, the additional time will serve the public interest. In the instant proceeding, we find that providing the requested limited extension would be beneficial to the development of a complete record on the issues.

Accordingly, we hereby grant the requests of the Wi-Fi Alliance and EIBASS for an extension of time. The deadline for filing comments is extended to January 14, 2013. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.31, 0.51, 0.131, 0.241, 0.261, 0.331 and 1.46 of the Commission's Rules.<sup>5</sup>

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By the Chief, International Bureau; Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology; Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

<sup>1</sup> See *Petition for Rulemaking Filed*, Public Notice, Report No. 2971 (Nov. 30, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> See *Wi-Fi Alliance Request for Extension* (Dec. 6, 2012)

<sup>3</sup> See *EIBASS Letter to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC* (Dec. 7, 2012).

<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

<sup>5</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 154(i); 47 C.F.R. §§0.31, 0.51, 0.131, 0.241, 0.261, 0.331, 1.46.