

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

In the Matter of)
)
Amendment of the Commission’s Rules with) GN Docket No. 12-354
Regard to Commercial Operations in the 3550-)
3650 Band)

ORDER

Adopted: February 28, 2013

Released: February 28, 2013

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

1. On December 12, 2012 the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*NPRM*) in the above captioned proceeding proposing to create a Citizens Broadband Service in the 3550-3650 MHz Band (3.5 GHz Band) for innovative small cell uses.¹ The *NPRM* established February 20, 2013 as the deadline for comments and March 22, 2013 as the deadline for reply comments.²

2. Following the release of the *NPRM*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Office of Engineering and Technology announced they would hold a public workshop on the 3.5 GHz *NPRM* on March 13, 2013.³ As announced, the workshop will focus on small cell technology “in the context of the 3.5 GHz Band as well as database and dynamic spectrum sharing technologies that could be utilized to managed access to the Band.”⁴ The workshop will likely elicit detailed discussions about many aspects of the *NPRM*, and will take place only seven business days prior to the reply comment deadline. In the interest of developing a comprehensive record in response to the *NPRM*, including through the workshop and in response to ideas explored at the workshop, we extend the reply deadline established in the *NPRM* for two weeks on our own motion. Accordingly, reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding are due **April 5, 2013**.

¹ Amendment of the Commission’s Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 3550-3650 MHz Band, GN Docket No. 12-354, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 27 FCC Rcd 15594 (2012).

² *Id.*

³ Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Office of Engineering and Technology Announce Workshop on Small Cell and Spectrum Sharing Concepts in the 3.5 GHz *NPRM*, *Public Notice*, 28 FCC Rcd 442 (WTB/OET 2013).

⁴ *Id.*

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), and pursuant to the authority delegated in Sections 0.31, 0.51, 0.131, 0.241, 0.261, and 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.31, 0.51, 0.131, 0.241, 0.261, 0.331, WE EXTEND the reply comment deadline for the above proceeding as discussed herein.

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