

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

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In the Matter of)	
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Rules and Regulations Implementing the)	CG Docket No. 02-278
Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991)	
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Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local)	WC Docket No. 07-135
Exchange Carriers)	
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ORDER

Adopted: December 17, 2014

Released: December 17, 2014

By the Acting Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau:

1. With this Order, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) extends the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding to January 23, 2015, and February 9, 2015, respectively.

2. On November 24, 2014, the Bureau released a Public Notice seeking comment on robocall and calling-blocking issues raised by the National Association of Attorneys General.¹ The Public Notice established a comment deadline of December 24, 2014, and a reply comment deadline of January 8, 2015.

3. On December 12, 2014, the United States Telecom Association (USTelecom) filed a *Request for Extension of Comment and Reply Comment Deadline* in this proceeding.² USTelecom requests that the Commission extend the deadline for filing comments until January 23, 2015, and reply comments until February 9, 2015.³ USTelecom states that the original comment and reply comment deadlines of December 24, 2014, and January 8, 2015, “occur[] around several culturally significant holidays . . . as well as the end of the fourth quarter 2014 business cycle.”⁴ USTelecom notes that the Public Notice “poses questions concerning a host of legal and technological issues involving the relationship between emerging technologies, the communications marketplace, and voice provider obligations under the Communications Act of 1934 and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.”⁵ Granting an extension, USTelecom argues, “will ensure that all parties have the opportunity to allocate key resources to providing full input to the Commission in this proceeding.”⁶ US Telecom continues: “In

¹ Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Seeks Comment on Robocalls and Call-Blocking Issues Raised by the National Association of Attorneys General on Behalf of Thirty-Nine Attorneys General, *Public Notice*, DA 14-1700, CG Docket No. 02-278, WC Docket No. 07-135, 2014 WL 6680451 (rel. Nov. 24, 2014) (Public Notice).

² United States Telecom Association, *Request for Extension of Comment and Reply Comment Deadline*, filed December 12, 2014.

³ *Id.* at 2.

⁴ *Id.* at 3.

⁵ *Id.* at 2.

⁶ *Id.* at 3.

light of the broad range of stakeholders impacted by this issue, the importance of adequately addressing the Commission's questions, and given the intervening holiday season and the end of quarter, a modest 30-day extension is in the public interest."⁷ USTelecom asserts that such an extension would allow "affected parties [to] have an opportunity to develop a more complete record for the Commission's consideration[]." ⁸

4. On December 15, 2014, Telephone Science Corporation (Nomorobo), which has developed a technology to assist consumers in blocking unwanted robocalls,⁹ filed a statement supporting USTelecom's request for extension.¹⁰ Nomorobo states that an extension will provide it with "enough time to analyze our data [from screened calls subject to the company's technology] and provide better answers to the questions posed by the Commission."¹¹ Nomorobo also notes that it has "asked [its] users to provide [it] with their feedback to bring to the Commission" but that "getting accurate and timely responses during this holiday season has been problematic."¹²

5. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.¹³ In this instance, however, we agree that an extension will afford parties the necessary time to gather relevant information, and file comments and reply comments that will contribute to a more complete record in this proceeding, without causing undue delay to the Commission's consideration of the issues. We believe that an extension of time to file comments until **January 23, 2015**, and an extension of time to file reply comments until **February 9, 2015**, provides an adequate amount of time for parties to prepare comments, review initial comments, and draft reply comments. Instructions for filing comments and reply comments can be found in the Bureau's initial November 24, 2014, Public Notice.¹⁴

6. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the *Request for Extension of Comment and Reply Comment Deadline* filed by the United States Telecom Association on December 12, 2014, **IS GRANTED**. Interested parties may file comments on or before **January 23, 2015**, and reply comments on or before **February 9, 2015**.

7. This action is taken pursuant to the authority provided in Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, and under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.141 and 0.361 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.141, 0.361.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁷ *Id.* at 2.

⁸ *Id.* at 4.

⁹ Nomorobo describes its service as allowing unwanted robocalls to ring the subscriber's telephone number once. See Nomorobo <https://www.nomorobo.com/> (last visited Dec. 16, 2014).

¹⁰ Telephone Science Corporation (Nomorobo), Comment in Support of USTelecom's Request for Extension, filed Dec. 15, 2014.

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

¹⁴ Public Notice at 4-5.