

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

In the Matter of )
Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell )
Infrastructure by Improving Wireless Facilities ) WT Docket No. 16-421
Siting Policies )
Mobilitie, LLC Petition for Declaratory Ruling )

ORDER

Adopted: January 12, 2017

Released: January 12, 2017

Revised Comment Date: March 8, 2017
Revised Reply Comment Date: April 7, 2017

By the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau:

1. In this Order, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) grants in part the Motion for Extension of Time filed jointly by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, the United States Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, the Government Finance Officers Association, the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the National Association of Counties (Petitioners) on January 5, 2017.

2. On December 22, 2016, the Bureau released its Public Notice in this proceeding. Dates for filing comments and reply comments were set at February 6, 2017 and March 8, 2017, respectively. On January 5, 2017, the Petitioners filed a Motion for Extension of Time seeking to extend the comment deadline to "April 7, 2017, or a minimum of at least 30 days," and reply comment deadline to "June 7, 2017, or a minimum of at least 30 days." Petitioners cite a number of factors in support of their request, including the "complexity and breadth of the issues involved with this matter" and the fact that it is a transition period for many local governments due to the large number of municipal elections in 2016.

3. 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." Upon review, we agree that a

1 The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, the United States Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, the Government Finance Officers Association, the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the National Association of Counties, Motion for Extension of Time, WT Docket No. 16-421 (filed January 5, 2017) (Motion for Extension).

2 Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure by Improving Wireless Facilities Siting Policies, Mobilitie, LLC Petition for Declaratory Ruling, Public Notice, WT Docket No. 16-421 (WTB 2016) (Public Notice).

3 Id. at 1.

4 See Motion for Extension at 4.

5 Id. at 2-4.

6 47 CFR § 1.46.

limited extension of the pleading cycle is warranted. We find that a brief extension of the filing deadline will allow parties to provide the Commission with more thorough 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. We find, however, that a 30-day extension for comments is sufficient for this purpose and more appropriate than the longer extensions requested in the Petitioners' Motion.

4. 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 0.131, 0.331, 1.46, and 1.415 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.131, 0.331, 1.46, and 1.415, that the Motion for Extension of Time filed by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, the United States Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, the Government Finance Officers Association, the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the National Association of Counties on January 5, 2017, IS GRANTED IN PART to the extent described herein, and the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in response to the Public Notice in WT Docket No. 16-421 are extended to March 8, 2017, and April 7, 2017, respectively.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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