Reopening of Comment Period

On May 7, 2010, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register (75 FR 25137) proposing changes in the Standard Numbering System, Vessel Identification System, and Boating Accident Report Database that, collectively, are intended to improve recreational boating safety efforts, enhance law enforcement capabilities, advance maritime security, and clarify requirements for all stakeholders. The NPRM announced a 90 day public comment period that closed on August 5, 2010.

We have received comments from the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and the National Marine Manufacturer’s Association (NMMA), each requesting a 90 day extension of the comment period. The NASBLA comment letter noted that the NPRM would be a topic of discussion during their annual conference, which will be held from September 10–14, 2010. Since the comment period has already closed, the Coast Guard will reopen it for an additional period of 60 days. The Coast Guard has determined that reopening the comment period for a period of 60 days is consistent with the public interest. This will allow the comment period to coincide with the NASBLA annual conference and allow members to discuss the NPRM and submit comments after the conference. Adding 60 days to the original 90 day comment period strikes a balance between allowing adequate time to comment on the NPRM to allow the agency to move forward with the rulemaking project. Accordingly, the comment period is reopened until October 15, 2010. This document is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 553.

Dated: August 9, 2010.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Chapter I

[PS Docket Nos. 10–92; DA 10–1357]

Effects on Broadband Communications Networks of Damage to or Failure of Network Equipment or Severe Overload

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of reply comment date.

SUMMARY: This document revises the due date for parties to file reply comments responsive to the Notice of Inquiry in this proceeding. This action is taken in response to a request for additional time submitted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. We find that providing the requested limited extension would be beneficial to the development of a more robust and complete record and that granting the extension of time as requested by the Federal Reserve will serve the public interest.

DATES: Reply comments are due on or before September 3, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by PS Docket No. 10–92 and/or DA 10–1357, may be filed using: (1) The Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government’s eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies.

• Comments and reply comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://ecfs.fcc.gov/ecfs2/ or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.

• Mail: Parties who choose to file by paper can submit filings by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW–A325, Washington, DC 20554. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.

• Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Include docket number PS Docket No. 10–92 and/or DA 10–1357 in the subject line of the message.

• Parties wishing to file materials with a claim of confidentiality should follow the procedures set forth in § 0.459 of the Commission’s rules. Confidential submissions may not be filed via ECFS but rather should be filed with the Secretary’s Office following the procedures set forth in 47 CFR 0.459. Redacted versions of confidential submissions may be filed via ECFS.

• People with disabilities: Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by e-mail: FCC504@fcc.gov or phone: 202–418–0530 or TTY: 202–418–0432.

For detailed instructions for submitting comments and additional information on the notice process, see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is an extension of reply comment date of the Commission’s Notice of Inquiry, 75 FR 26180, May 11, 2010, in PS Docket No. 10–92, DA 10–1357, adopted and released on July 22, 2010. The complete text of this document is available on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.fcc.gov/headlines.html. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530 (voice), 202–418–0432 (tty).
SUMMARY: This document proposes to take a number of actions to further the provision of terrestrial broadband services in the MSS bands. In the 2 GHz MSS band, the Commission proposes to add co-primary Fixed and Mobile allocations to the existing Mobile-Satellite allocation. This will lay the groundwork for providing additional flexibility in use of the 2 GHz spectrum in the future. The Commission also proposes to apply the terrestrial secondary market spectrum leasing rules and procedures to transactions involving terrestrial use of the MSS spectrum in the 2 GHz, Big LEO, and L-bands in order to create greater certainty and regulatory parity with bands licensed for terrestrial broadband service. The Commission also asks, in a Notice of Inquiry, about approaches for creating opportunities for full use of the 2 GHz band for stand-alone terrestrial uses. The Commission requests comment on ways to promote innovation and investment throughout the MSS bands while also ensuring market-wide mobile satellite capability to serve important needs like disaster recovery and rural access.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before September 15, 2010, and reply comments must be filed on or before September 30, 2010.

ADRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by ET Docket No. 10–142, by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [Optional: Include the E-mail address only if you plan to accept comments from the general public].

Include the docket number(s) in the subject line of the message.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission’s Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Notice of Inquiry, ET Docket No. 10–142, FCC 10–126, adopted July 15, 2010 and released July 15, 2010. The full text of this document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY–A257), 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. The complete text of this document also may be purchased from the Commission’s copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, SW., Room, CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554. The full text may also be downloaded at: http://www.fcc.gov.

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using: (1) The Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government’s eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998.


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Summary of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

1. The Commission takes steps to make additional spectrum available for mobile broadband services, while ensuring that America has robust mobile satellite service capability to meet public safety, rural connectivity, federal government, and other important needs. In this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking the Commission proposes to take a number of actions to further our goal of enabling the provision of terrestrial broadband services in the MSS bands. In the 2 GHz MSS band, it proposes to add co-primary Fixed and Mobile allocations to the existing Mobile-Satellite allocation. While this action in itself does not change the status of the existing MSS licensees and the Commission’s service rules for MSS and ATC networks, it lays the groundwork for providing additional flexibility in use of the 2 GHz spectrum in the future. In keeping with this proposed flexible allocation for the 2 GHz MSS band, if an MSS license is cancelled for any reason the Commission proposes not to assign any additional spectrum for MSS in this band to either the existing MSS licensees or to a new MSS entrant. To