

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

In the Matter of)
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Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission’s Rules) ET Docket No. 14-165
for Unlicensed Operations in the Television Bands,)
Repurposed 600 MHz Band, 600 MHz Guard)
Bands and Duplex Gap, and Channel 37, and)
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Amendment of Part 74 of the Commission’s Rules)
for Low Power Auxiliary Stations in the)
Repurposed 600 MHz Band and 600 MHz Duplex)
Gap)
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Promoting Spectrum Access for Wireless) GN Docket No. 14-166
Microphone Operations)
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Expanding the Economic and Innovation) GN Docket No. 12-268
Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive)
Auctions)
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ORDER

Adopted: December 10, 2014

Released: December 10, 2014

By the Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology:

1. On September 30, 2014, the Commission adopted two Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (“Notices”) in the above captioned proceedings concerning Part 15 unlicensed operations and wireless microphones.1 Comments in each of these proceedings are due on January 5, 2015 and reply comments are due on January 26, 2015.2

2. On December 2, 2014, Shure Incorporated (“Shure”) requested 45-day extensions of the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in both proceedings.3 Additionally, on December 3, 2014, CTIA – The Wireless Association, 4G Americas, the Aerospace & Flight Test Radio Coordinating Council, Inc., the Consumer Electronics Association, and the Telecommunications Industry Association (“Joint Petitioners”) requested 30-day extensions of the deadlines for submitting comments and reply comments in these proceedings. These parties state that these extensions are warranted because the Notices propose many substantial changes in technical and operational rules that will require significant evaluation, testing and analysis, and that extensions of time will permit interested parties to analyze the

1 See Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in ET Docket No. 14-165, 29 FCC Rcd 12248 (2014) (“Part 15 NPRM”) and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in GN Docket No. 14-166, 29 FCC Rcd 12343 (2014) (“Wireless Microphone NPRM”).

2 See 79 FR 69387 and 69710 (November 21, 2014).

3 Sennheiser Electronic Corporation, Broad Comm, Inc., CP Communications, LLC, and the Broadway League filed comments in support of the Shure request.

complicated technical issues raised by these proceedings and develop data-driven responses to the Commission's inquiries.⁴

3. The Commission does not routinely grant extensions of time in rulemaking proceedings. However, we believe that extensions of the comment and reply comment deadlines will provide parties with an opportunity to more fully analyze and respond to the complex technical issues raised in the *Notices*, thus allowing development of a more complete record in these proceedings. We believe that 30-day extensions of the filing deadlines, as requested by the Joint Petitioners, should be sufficient time to address the complex technical issues, and is more appropriate to avoid delaying action in these proceedings, which the Commission plans to conclude prior to the incentive auction.⁵ Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the delegated authority contained in 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.31 and 0.241(a), that the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in the above captioned proceedings ARE EXTENDED to February 4, 2015 and February 25, 2015.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁴ Shure request at 2 and Joint Petitioners request at 2.

⁵ See *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, GN Docket No. 12-268, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6567, 6681 para. 258 (2014) (stating that the Commission plans to conclude the Part 15 proceeding prior to the incentive auction). Because the wireless microphone proceeding is closely related to the Part 15 proceeding, we expect that action will be taken in both proceedings at the same time.