

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

In the Matter of)	
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Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection)	WC Docket No. 19-195
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Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program)	WC Docket No. 11-10
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ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Adopted: August 30, 2024

Released: August 30, 2024

By the Broadband Data Task Force and Office of Economics and Analytics:

1. In this Order, the FCC’s Broadband Data Task Force and the Office of Economics and Analytics grant a joint motion filed by CTIA, USTelecom – The Broadband Association, and Competitive Carriers Association (collectively, Joint Petitioners) seeking a three-week extension of time to file comments and reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ For the reasons stated below, we find that an extension of time is warranted and extend the comment and reply comment dates accordingly.

2. On July 12, 2024, the Commission adopted a *Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Fourth Further Notice)* that sought comment on modifications to enhance the precision of National Broadband Map.² The *Fourth Further Notice* set deadlines of 30 days and 60 days after the date of publication in the *Federal Register* for filing comments and reply comments, respectively. Upon publication in the *Federal Register*, the filing deadlines were established as September 16, 2024, for comments and October 15, 2024, for reply comments.³

3. In their motion, Joint Petitioners state that the *Fourth Further Notice* raises significant and complex issues about the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) processes that merit detailed comments from the Joint Petitioners, their members, and others directly impacted, and that the subject matter experts at their member companies have been expending significant time and resources preparing their BDC data that are due by September 3, 2024.⁴ Joint Petitioners assert that this obligation, together with resource

¹ See CTIA, USTelecom – The Broadband Association, and Competitive Carriers Association Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments and Reply Comments, WC Docket No. 19-195 (filed Aug. 23, 2024) <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/108232109302778/1> (Motion).

² *Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program*, WC Docket Nos. 11-10, 19-195, Fourth Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 24-72 (rel. July 12, 2024) (*Fourth Further Notice*).

³ Federal Communications Commission, *Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program*, 89 Fed. Reg. 66305 (Aug. 15, 2024). We note that the Federal Register summary included, at the request of the Office of the Federal Register, some nonsubstantive editorial revisions, which included relocating proposed 47 CFR § 1.7006(a) to § 1.7006(h). *Id.* at 66326-27.

⁴ Motion at 1-2.

constraints resulting from the Labor Day holiday, warrant an extension of time to file comments and reply comments.⁵

4. As set forth in section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, the Commission does not routinely grant extensions of time for filing comments.⁶ In this case, however, an extension is warranted to enable commenters to adequately respond to the issues presented in the *Fourth Further Notice*. The mandatory BDC filing deadline and the intervening federal holiday affect Joint Petitioners' ability to dedicate time and resources to meet the deadlines for both the BDC biannual submission and the *Fourth Further Notice*. Given the importance of receiving both timely and accurate BDC data submissions as well as robust input on the questions raised in the *Fourth Further Notice*, we find there is good cause to grant Joint Petitioners' request for a three week extension.

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and sections 0.21, 0.271, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.21, 0.271, and 1.46, the Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments and Reply Comments filed by the Joint Petitioners is GRANTED.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the dates to file comments and reply comments in this proceeding ARE EXTENDED to **October 7, 2024**, and **November 5, 2024**, respectively.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁵ *Id.* at 2-3.

⁶ 47 CFR § 1.46.