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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, MEDIA, AND WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAUS EXTEND DEADLINES FOR COMMENT ON CVAA PUBLIC NOTICE

GN Docket No. 21-140

Extended Comment Deadline: June 7, 2021

Extended Reply Comment Deadline: July 6, 2021

1. By this Public Notice, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs, Media, and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus extend the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding. On April 7, 2021, the above-listed Bureaus released a Public Notice inviting comment from all stakeholders on whether any updates are needed to the rules the Commission initially adopted as it implemented the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA).¹ The CVAA Public Notice established a comment deadline of May 24, 2021 and a reply comment deadline of June 21, 2021. On May 13, 2021, the Accessibility Advocacy Organizations and Researchers (AAOR) requested a two-week extension of the comment deadlines.² The AAOR explain that they are requesting the extension for three reasons: first, due to the scope of the CVAA Public Notice, which “explicitly flags for review nearly a dozen distinct dockets dating back a decade” and implicates several others; second, because of the parties’ involvement in other proceedings pending before the Commission; and third, because the law firms preparing the AAOR’s comments are “legal clinics housed in law schools, which are currently in the midst of transitions at the end of the spring academic semester that result in the departure of numerous student attorneys and temporarily limit the capacity of the clinics.”³ We grant the AAOR’s request.

2. As set forth in Section 1.46(a) of the Commission’s rules,⁴ the Commission’s policy is that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted. We find, however, that the AAOR has set forth a sufficient justification to warrant grant of their requested two-week extension. Accordingly, we extend the comment and reply comment deadlines by two weeks, until June 7, 2021 and July 6, 2021, respectively.

¹ *Consumer and Governmental Affairs, Media, and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus Seek Update on Commission’s Fulfillment of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act*, Public Notice, GN Docket No. 21-140, DA 21-405 (Apr. 7, 2021) (CVAA Public Notice).

² Motion for Extension of Time of Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI); Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA); National Association of the Deaf (NAD); and Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technology for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Gallaudet University (DHH-RERC) (collectively, the Accessibility Advocacy Organizations and Researchers), GN Docket No. 21-140 (filed May 13, 2021).

³ *Id.* at 1-2.

⁴ 47 CFR § 1.46(a).

3. For additional information on this proceeding, contact Debra Patkin, Debra.Patkin@fcc.gov, of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office, (202) 870-5226, Diana Sokolow, Diana.Sokolow@fcc.gov, of the Media Bureau, Policy Division, (202) 418-2120, or Eli Johnson, Eli.Johnson@fcc.gov, of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division, (202) 418-1395.

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