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REF: The Boeing Co. – Request for Extension of Time to Complete 800 MHz Rebanding.

Dear Counsel:

Under consideration is the Request for Waiver of the Deadline for Completion of 800 MHz Rebanding in the U.S.-Canada Border Regions, filed February 17, 2015 on behalf of the Boeing Company (Boeing). By Order dated January 16, 2015 the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) directed Boeing to advise the Commission that it had completed rebanding of its 800 MHz facilities or to file a supplemental waiver request with the Bureau requesting additional time to complete rebanding.¹

Boeing represents that it has substantially completed rebanding, but that has identified the need to retune several bi-directional amplifiers (BDA) used in its system. It requests until April 30, 2015 to complete retuning of the BDAs.

The extension of time requested is modest and we credit Boeing's representation that "[t]he need to retune and validate the performance of these BDAs was not identified until after the completion of the fixed network equipment rebanding."² We also note that the overall rebanding of Boeing's system was delayed by the need for the Commission to coordinate use of certain frequencies with the Canadian government.³

Accordingly, we grant the Request. Boeing shall complete rebanding of its system, including its BDAs, on or before April 30, 2015. Boeing need not complete the closing of its Frequency Reconciliation Agreement (FRA) with Nextel West Corporation by that date; however, we expect Boeing to close the FRA, and advise the Bureau of this fact, as soon as possible.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.191(a) and 0.392 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.191(a), 0.392.

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¹ Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, WT Docket No. 02-55, *Order*, DA 15-62, ¶ 8 (rel. January 16, 2015).

² Request for Extension of Time to Complete 800 MHz Rebanding (Request) at 6.

³ *Id.* at 2-3.