

released a public notice issuing an extension of time for parties to file comments and reply comments in response to a November 4, 2003, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment on whether the Commission should modify the rules adopted to implement section 272(b)(1)'s "operate independently"

requirement. A summary of the Commission's NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2003, triggering the cycle for comments and reply comments on the NPRM, 68 FR 65665, November 21, 2003. Due to the intervening Thanksgiving holiday during the comment cycle, the Commission grants, on its own motion,

a limited extension of the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in this proceeding.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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