



December 20, 2019

Ms. Reema Hafez
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Dear Ms. Hafez,

Re: Request for Extension – SMSE-016-18 Consultation on the Utilization of the Bands 18.8-19.3 GHz and 28.6-29.1 GHz, and the Bands 17.3-17.7 GHz, 19.3-19.7 GHz and 29.1-29.25 GHz by the Fixed-Satellite Service

The RABC has created a working group to prepare a response to SMSE-016-18 *Consultation on the Utilization of the Bands 18.8-19.3 GHz and 28.6-29.1 GHz, and the Bands 17.3-17.7 GHz, 19.3-19.7 GHz and 29.1-29.25 GHz by the Fixed-Satellite Service*. We respectfully request a short extension to the filing date for this consultation, due to the heavy regulatory agenda our members have been experiencing during in the fall of 2018 and which is continuing into 2019.

Specifically, RABC proposes that the **due date for submitting comments in response to SMSE-016-18 be extended two weeks to January 21, 2019** from January 7, 2019. Further, we propose the date for submitting **reply comments be extended one week to February 18, 2019**.

Many of RABC members who are interested in preparing a RABC response to the consultation have been extremely busy with a number of important ongoing ISED consultations and international meetings. Interested members have been able to convene several meetings and discussions are progressing well but given the holiday period over the next few weeks, do not expect to be able to reach agreement on a comprehensive filing by the current deadline. The requested extensions will enable the Board to submit a thorough and meaningful response to SMSE-016-18.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. D. Farnes", is written over a thin vertical line.

J. David Farnes
General Manager