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OET Extends Effective Date of Antenna Connector Requirement Indefinitely

On May 22, 2000, the Office of Engineering and Technology, OET, issued a Public Notice, DA 00-1087, clarifying 47 CFR 15.203. This rule requires transmitters authorized under Part 15 to be designed in such a way as to ensure that no antenna, other than that furnished by the responsible party, can be used with the device. Typically, a manufacturer will either design a unique antenna connector or modify a commonly available connector to satisfy this requirement. In the Public Notice, we noted several antenna connectors, that were once considered unique, have since become common place and no longer satisfy the requirement of this rule section. Hence, effective 30 days after the date of the Public Notice, these antenna connectors would no longer be acceptable for satisfying the requirement in Section 15.203.

On June 22, 2000 we extended the effective date of the antenna connector requirement in the Public Notice to October 1, 2000. However, a Petition for Reconsideration has been filed and, in order to consider the merits of the Petition, we are extending the effective date of the Public Notice indefinitely. After a decision on the merits of the Petition has been made, we will address the need for a new effective date regarding DA 00-1087.

Thus, we are extending the effective date of Public Notice, DA 00-1087, indefinitely.

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