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## **OET Extends Effective Date of Antenna Connector Requirement**

On May 22, 2000 OET issued a Public Notice, DA 00-1087, clarifying 47 CFR15.203. 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 be used with the device. Typically, a manufacturer will either design a unique connector or modify a commonly available connector to satisfy this requirement. Under the Public Notice, we noted that several antenna connectors, that were once considered unique, have since become common place and would no longer be allowed under this rule section.

However, several manufacturers have maintained that this interpretation caught them by surprise and would cause financial hardship to redesign and retool production in light of this unanticipated requirement.

We conclude that additional time may be necessary to allow manufacturers to prepare for this change. Therefore, we are extending the effective date of Public Notice, DA 00-1087, until October 1, 2000.

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