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**COMMENT DEADLINES SET FOR NOTICE OF INQUIRY ON ACCELERATING
BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT BY IMPROVING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND WIRELESS
FACILITIES SITING POLICIES**

WC Docket No. 11-59

Comment Date: July 18, 2011
Reply Comment Date: August 30, 2011

On April 7, 2011, the Commission released a notice of inquiry (NOI) seeking comment how the Commission could work with stakeholders, including state and local governments, other Federal agencies, Tribal governments, consumer advocates and the private sector to accelerate broadband deployment by improving rights of way policies and wireless facilities siting requirements.¹

The Commission set the comment and reply comment deadlines for the NOI at 60 and 105 days, respectively, after publication of the summary of the NOI in the Federal Register. On May 17, 2011, a summary of the NOI appeared in the Federal Register.² Accordingly, interested parties may file **comments on or before July 18, 2011**, and **reply comments on or before August 30, 2011**. All filings related to this Notice should reference **WC Docket No. 11-59**.

Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS); (2) the Federal Government's e-Rulemaking Portal; or (3) by filing paper copies.³

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing.
- Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

¹ *Accelerating Broadband Deployment: Expanding the Reach and Reducing the Cost of Broadband Deployment by Improving Policies Regarding Public Rights of Way and Wireless Facilities Siting*, WC Docket No. 11-59, Notice of Inquiry, FCC 11-51 (Apr. 7, 2011).

² 76 Fed. Reg. 28397 (May 17, 2011).

³ *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Red 11322 (1998).

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington DC 20554.
- People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY). Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations for filing comments (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc. by email: FCC504@fcc.gov; phone 202-0530 or TTY: 202-418-0432.
- Filings and Comments in WC Docket No. 11-59 will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. They may be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, fax: (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail <http://www.bcpieweb.com>.

This proceeding shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁴ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

For further information, please contact Claudia Pabo, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1595 or claudia.pabo@fcc.gov.

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*