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## POLE ATTACHMENTS TIMELINE RULES TAKE EFFECT

**WC Docket No. 07-245**

**GN Docket No. 09-51**

The Federal Register has published notice that rules governing the pole attachments access timeline and the use of utility-approved, independent contractors by attaching telecommunications carriers and cable systems have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and take effect on July 12, 2011.

On April 7, 2011 the Commission adopted the *Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future* in WC Docket No. 07-245 and GN Docket No. 09-51 (Pole Attachments Order).<sup>1</sup> The Federal Register published the effective date of June 8, 2011 for the rules adopted in the Pole Attachments Order, except for the rules regarding the timeline and use of utility-approved, independent contractors.<sup>2</sup> Those rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1420, 1.1422 and 1.1424, contain information collection requirements that could not be effective until approved by OMB.<sup>3</sup> Through this notice, the Commission announces that the rules have received OMB approval, and the Federal Register has announced the effective date for 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1420, 1.1422 and 1.1424 of July 12, 2011.<sup>4</sup> Thus, all the rules in the Pole Attachments Order have now taken effect.

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Jonathan Reel, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1580 or [jonathan.reel@fcc.gov](mailto:jonathan.reel@fcc.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> *Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, WC Docket No. 07-245, GN Docket No. 09-51, 26 FCC Rcd 5240 (2011) (Pole Attachments Order).

<sup>2</sup> See WC Docket No. 07-245, GN Docket No. 09-51; FCC 11-50, *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, 76 FR 26620-02 (May 9, 2011).

<sup>3</sup> See Pole Attachments Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 5343, paras. 237, 244 (rules effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register except where OMB approval required).

<sup>4</sup> See WC Docket No. 07-245, GN Docket No. 09-51; FCC 11-50, *Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, 76 FR 40817 (July 12, 2011) (announcing effective date of final rule).