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DEADLINES ESTABLISHED FOR FILING COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS ON THE BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF REQUIRING COMMENTERS TO FILE CITED MATERIALS IN RULEMAKING PROCEEDINGS

GC Docket No. 10-44

Comments Due: January 9, 2012
Reply Comments Due: January 23, 2012

On November 29, 2011, we released a Public Notice soliciting comment on additional procedures to improve transparency and efficiency in Commission proceedings. In particular, the Public Notice seeks comment on the benefits and burdens of requiring commenters to file materials they cite in pleadings or *ex parte* notices submitted in rulemaking proceedings, so that those materials are more easily accessible to all interested parties.¹ The Public Notice set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication of a summary of the Public Notice in the Federal Register.

On December 8, 2011, a summary of the Public Notice was published in the Federal Register.² Accordingly, comments must be filed on or before January 9, 2012, and reply comments must be filed on or before January 23, 2012. Commenters should follow the filing instructions in the Public Notice.³ The Public Notice is available on the Commission's website.⁴

¹ *Comment Sought on Benefits and Burdens of Requiring Commenters to File Cited Materials in Rulemaking Proceedings as Further Reform to Enhance Record-Based Decisionmaking*, GC Docket No. 10-44, Public Notice, DA 11-1950, 2011 WL 5995710 (F.C.C.) (rel. Nov. 29, 2011).

² *Benefits and Burdens of Requiring Commenters to File Cited Materials in Rulemaking Proceedings as Further Reform to Enhance Record-Based Decisionmaking*, 76 Fed. Reg. 76728 (Dec. 8, 2011).

³ Commenters are reminded that the Commission has designated this as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*; *Amendment of Certain of the Commission's Part 1 Rules of Practice and Procedure and Part 0 Rules of Commission Organization*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 25 FCC Rcd 2430, 2439-40 (2010). 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. 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

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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 § 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules. Written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system, 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.

⁴ See http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-11-1950A1.doc (Word); http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1129/DA-11-1950A1.pdf (Acrobat).