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**COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DUE DATES ESTABLISHED
FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO MAKE PERMANENT THE
NATIONAL DEAF-BLIND EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**

CG Docket No. 10-210

Comments Due: July 27, 2015
Reply Comments Due: August 10, 2015

On May 21, 2015, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) adopted a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* seeking comment on proposed rules to make permanent its program that distributes communications equipment to low-income individuals who are deaf-blind. The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP), also called “iCanConnect,” provides equipment, such as Braille-enabled devices, magnifiers, and vibrating alerts, to individuals who are deaf-blind for access to communication services.

The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 45 and 60 days after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register. On June 10, 2015, a summary of the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register.¹ Accordingly, comments must be filed on or before July 27, 2015, and reply comments must be filed on or before August 10, 2015. Commenters should follow the filing instructions in the *NPRM* beginning at paragraph 137. The *NPRM* is available at the following links:

Word: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-58A1.docx
PDF: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-58A1.pdf
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¹ 80 Fed. Reg. 32885 (2015).