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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINES FOR FILING COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS IN THE WIRELINE INFRASTRUCTURE PROCEEDING

WC Docket No. 17-84

**Comment Date: June 15, 2017**

**Reply Comment Date: July 17, 2017**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces and clarifies the deadlines for the filing of comments and reply comments in response to the *2017 Wireline Infrastructure NPRM, NOI, and Request for Comment (Notice)*.<sup>1</sup>

In the *Notice*, the Commission specified that comments on the item would be due 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register, and that reply comments would be due 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.<sup>2</sup> The *Notice* made clear the Commission's intent to adopt a simultaneous comment and reply comment date for the entirety of the *Notice*.<sup>3</sup>

The *Notice of Inquiry* was published in the Federal Register on May 11, 2017.<sup>4</sup> The *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* was published separately on May 16, 2017.<sup>5</sup> To effectuate the Commission's intent for consistent comment and reply comment dates, and to avoid any confusion regarding filing deadlines, the Bureau announces that all comments in response to all parts of the *Notice* will be due 30 days from the May 16, 2017 Federal Register publication date. Similarly, all reply comments will be due

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<sup>1</sup> See *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WC Docket No. 17-84, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Notice of Inquiry, and Request for Comment, FCC 17-37 (Apr. 21, 2017) (*2017 Wireline Infrastructure Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 1, 40, para. 124.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 40, para. 124. Although the *Request for Comment* is not required to be published in the Federal Register, the Commission specifically adopted a simultaneous comment deadline for the *Request for Comment* as for the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* and *Notice of Inquiry*. *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> See Federal Communications Commission, *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, 82 Fed. Reg. 22000 (May 11, 2017), <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-11/pdf/2017-09541.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> See Federal Communications Commission, *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, 82 Fed. Reg. 22453 (May 16, 2017), <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-16/pdf/2017-09689.pdf>.

60 days from the May 16, 2017 Federal Register publication date. Accordingly, interested parties have until Thursday, June 15, 2017 to file comments in this proceeding, and until Monday, July 17, 2017 to file reply comments.<sup>6</sup> These same filing dates apply to any other comment periods related to the *Notice* in this docket, including the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis<sup>7</sup> and any of the proposed information collection requirements contained in the *Notice*.

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<sup>6</sup> Sixty days from May 16, 2017 is Saturday, July 15, 2017. Pursuant to Section 1.4(j) of the rules, when a filing date falls on a Saturday, the due date is the next business day, in this case, Monday, July 17, 2017. See 47 CFR § 1.4(j).

<sup>7</sup> See *2017 Wireline Infrastructure Notice*, FCC 17-37 at 41, para. 126.