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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINE FOR COMMENT ON FIRSTNET EX PARTE SUBMISSIONS PROPOSING INTEROPERABILITY CRITERIA FOR STATE OPT-OUT REQUESTS FROM THE FIRSTNET RADIO ACCESS NETWORK**

**PS Docket No. 16-269**

**Comment Date: July 17, 2017**

On June 22, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted a Report and Order in this docket establishing Commission procedures for administering the state opt-out process as provided under the Public Safety Spectrum Act, as well as delineating the two-prong statutory standard by which the Commission will evaluate state alternative plans.[[1]](#footnote-2) The Report and Order further directed the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) to issue a Public Notice establishing an expedited comment period for public comment on *ex parte* filings submitted by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet). These *ex parte* filings propose criteria for the Commission’s review of alternative state plans under the second prong of the statutory test relating to “interoperability with the nationwide public safety broadband network.” [[2]](#footnote-3)

On June 28, 2017, the Bureau released the requisite Public Notice, which provided for comments to be filed ten days from publication of the Public Notice in the Federal Register.[[3]](#footnote-4) On July 7, 2017, the Public Notice was published the Federal Register.[[4]](#footnote-5) Therefore, comments responsive to the Public Notice are due on or before July 17, 2017. Complete comment filing instructions are set forth in the Public Notice.[[5]](#footnote-6)

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1. *Procedures for Commission Review of State Opt-Out Requests from the FirstNet Radio Access Network*, PS Docket No. 16-269, Report and Order, FCC 17-75 (June 22, 2017) (Report and Order). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *Id*. at para. 64. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. *Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comment on FirstNet Ex Parte Submissions Proposing Interoperability Requirements For State Opt-Out Requests From The FirstNet Radio Access Network*, PS Docket No. 16-269, Public Notice, DA 17-625 (PSHSB June 28, 2017) (Public Notice). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. 82 FR 31602 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Public Notice at 2. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)