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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 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

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 On July 7, 2017, the Public Notice was published in the Federal Register.⁴ 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

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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).

² *Id.* at para. 64.

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).

⁴ 82 FR 31602

⁵ Public Notice at 2.