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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND  
REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING  
IMPLEMENTING KARI'S LAW AND SECTION 506 OF RAY BAUM'S ACT**

**PS Docket Nos. 18-261 and 17-239**

**Comments Due: December 10, 2018**  
**Reply Comments Due: January 9, 2019**

On September 26, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*Notice*) in PS Docket Nos. 18-261 and 17-239. The *Notice* proposes to implement Kari's Law<sup>1</sup> by adopting direct dial and notification rules governing calls to 911 made from Multi-Line Telephone Systems (MLTS).<sup>2</sup> The *Notice* also proposes to add dispatchable location requirements to the Commission's existing 911 rules for fixed telephony providers, interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers, and Internet-based Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) pursuant to RAY BAUM'S Act.<sup>3</sup> Finally, the *Notice* proposes to consolidate the Commission's existing 911 rules, and the direct dialing and dispatchable location rules proposed in the *Notice*, into a single rule part.<sup>4</sup> The *Notice* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 45 and 75 days, respectively, after publication in the Federal Register.<sup>5</sup>

On October 26, 2018, the Office of the Federal Register published a summary of the *Notice* and associated comment and reply comment dates.<sup>6</sup> Accordingly, comments must be filed on or before December 10, 2018; and reply comments must be filed on or before January 9, 2019.<sup>7</sup> The *Notice* contains the comment filing instructions.

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<sup>1</sup> Kari's Law Act of 2017, Pub. L. No. 115-127, 132 Stat. 326 (2018) (codified at 47 U.S.C. § 623).

<sup>2</sup> *Implementing Kari's Law and Section 506 of RAY BAUM'S Act*, PS Docket Nos. 18-261 and 17-239, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-132, para. 2 (Sept. 26, 2018) (*Notice*).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*; Section 506 of the Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-141, 132 Stat. 348, 1095 (codified at 47 U.S.C. § 615 note).

<sup>4</sup> *Notice* at para. 3.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> See 83 FR 54180 (Oct. 26, 2018).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*