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May 2, 2018

**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT DATES  
FOR NPRM ON PROTECTING AGAINST NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS TO THE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY CHAIN THROUGH FCC PROGRAMS**

**WC Docket No. 18-89**

**Comment Date: June 1, 2018  
Reply Comment Date: July 2, 2018**

On April 17, 2018, the Commission adopted the *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (*NPRM*).[[1]](#footnote-2) In the *NPRM*, the Commission seeks comment on a proposed rule that, going forward, no Universal Service Fund support may be used to purchase or obtain any equipment or services produced or provided by a company posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain.[[2]](#footnote-3) The *NPRM* sets deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication in the Federal Register.[[3]](#footnote-4)

The Federal Register published a summary of the *NPRM* on May 2, 2018.[[4]](#footnote-5) Accordingly, comments will be due on or before June 1, 2018, and reply comments will be due on or before July 2, 2018.[[5]](#footnote-6) Complete filing instructions are provided in the *NPRM*[[6]](#footnote-7) and the Federal Register.[[7]](#footnote-8)

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1. *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-42 (rel. April 18, 2018). The document is available on the Commission’s website at <https://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2018/db0418/FCC-18-42A1.pdf>. The document is also available electronically via the Commission’s Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) website at <https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/> (by FCC document number, FCC 18-42) or via the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) website at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/> (by docket number, WC Docket No. 18-89). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *NPRM* at para. 13. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. *Id.* at 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. *NPRM*, Proposed Rules, 83 Fed. Reg. 19196 (May 2, 2018), <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/05/02/2018-09090/protecting-against-national-security-threats-to-the-communications-supply-chain-through-fcc-programs> (Notice). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. *See supra* note 1. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. *See* Notice at 19197. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)