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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 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 The *NPRM* sets deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication in the Federal Register.³

The Federal Register published a summary of the *NPRM* on May 2, 2018.⁴ Accordingly, comments will be due on or before June 1, 2018, and reply comments will be due on or before July 2, 2018.⁵ Complete filing instructions are provided in the *NPRM*⁶ and the Federal Register.⁷

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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).

² *NPRM* at para. 13.

³ *Id.* at 1.

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).

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.

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 or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

⁷ *See* Notice at 19197.