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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT
DATES FOR FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON TOLL FREE (8YY)
CALLING ACCESS CHARGE REFORM
WC Docket No. 18-156**

Comment Date: September 4, 2018
Reply Comment Date: October 1, 2018

On June 8, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted the a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*FNPRM*) seeking comment on proposals to address abuses of access charges imposed in connection with toll free (8YY) calls.¹ In the *FNPRM*, the Commission proposes to combat abuses of the current 8YY intercarrier compensation system by transitioning inter- and intra-state originating end office and tandem switching and transport charges for 8YY calls to bill-and-keep, capping database query rates on a nationwide basis, and prohibiting more than one database query charge per call. The *FNPRM* sets deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 60 and 90 days, respectively, following publication in the Federal Register.²

The Federal Register published a summary of the *FNPRM* on July 3, 2018.³ Accordingly, comments will be due on or before September 4, 2018, and reply comments will be due on or before October 1, 2018. Complete filing instructions are provided in the *FNPRM*⁴ and the Federal Register.⁵

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¹ *8YY Access Charge Reform*, WC Docket. No. 18-156, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-76 (rel. June 8, 2018) (available at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-18-76A1.pdf>; via the Commission's Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) website at https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/ (by FCC document number, FCC 18-76); or via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) website at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/> (by docket number, WC Docket No. 18-156).

² *FNPRM* at 1.

³ *8YY Access Charge Reform*, Proposed Rule, 83 Fed. Reg. 31099 (July 3, 2017), <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-03/pdf/2018-14150.pdf> (Notice).

⁴ *FNPRM* at 29-30, paras. 101-06. 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).

⁵ See Notice at 31113.