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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PUERTO RICO TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF CERTAIN WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERT REQUIREMENTS

PS Docket No. 15-91

PS Docket No. 15-94

Comment Date: May 15, 2019

Reply Comment Date: May 29, 2019

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau seeks comment on a request for waiver filed by Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Claro (“PRTC”). PRTC requests a limited waiver of the Commission’s rules to allow an extension of time to comply with Sections 10.430 and 10.480 of the Commission’s rules.¹

The Commission established May 1, 2019, as the deadline for commercial mobile service (CMS) providers that participate in the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) system to deploy WEA messages that contain a maximum of 360 characters of alphanumeric text as well as Spanish-language Alert Messages.² PRTC, a participating CMS provider, states that it needs an additional 180 days from May 1, 2019, to support these requirements.³

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules,⁴ interested parties may file comments on or before May 15, 2019 and reply comments on or before May 29, 2019. All filings must reference PS Docket Nos. 15-91 and 15-94. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁵

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

¹ Petition for Waiver by Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Claro (“PRTC”), PS Dockets 15-91, 15-94 (filed Apr. 26, 2019) (PRTC Waiver). 47 CFR §§ 10.430, 10.480.

² *Wireless Emergency Alerts; Amendments to Part 11 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System*, PS Docket Nos. 15-91 and 15-94, Second Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, 33 FCC Rcd 1320, ¶¶ 49-50 (2018).

³ PRTC Waiver at 4.

⁴ 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419.

⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.
- Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
 - All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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⁶ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*