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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON
TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON 911 FEE DIVERSION IN LIGHT OF
ONGOING PROCEEDING TO DETER SUCH PRACTICES**

PS Docket No. 20-291, 09-14

Comment Date: January 7, 2021
Reply Comment Date: January 22, 2021

In September, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a Notice of Inquiry seeking comment broadly on the effects of 911 fee diversion and the most effective ways to dissuade states and jurisdictions from diverting 911 fees.¹ Today, the Commission released its Twelfth Annual Report to Congress on State Collection and Distribution of 911 and Enhanced 911 Fees and Charges (Twelfth Report). By this Public Notice, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau solicits comment on the Twelfth Report and how it should impact the Commission's ongoing proceeding to end the practice of 911 fee diversion by states and localities.

The Commission submits the Report to Congress annually pursuant to the New and Emerging Technologies 911 Improvement Act of 2008, which requires that the Commission report whether 911 fees and charges collected by the states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and Indian territories are being used for any purpose other than to support 911 and Enhanced 911 services. The Twelfth Report covers the collection and distribution of 911 and Enhanced 911 fees and charges for the calendar year ending December 31, 2019, and was submitted to Congress on December 8, 2020.² The Twelfth Report contains detailed information reported by states and other reporting entities on the number and type of 911 calls, the number of Public Safety Answering Points and telecommunicators, expenditure of funds for Next Generation 911 services, deployment of Emergency Services IP Networks and text-to-911 service, establishment of programs to support 911 cybersecurity, and the extent of state-level oversight and auditing of collection and use of 911 fees. Fifty states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands responded to the 2020 data request.³

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document and must reference **PS Docket No. 20-291**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

¹ See *911 Fee Diversion; New and Emerging Technologies Improvement Act of 2008*, PS Docket Nos. 20-291 and 09-14, Notice of Inquiry, 35 FCC Rcd 11010 (2020).

² A copy of the Report and past reports may be found on the Commission's website at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/911-fee-reports>.

³ Information submitted by the states and other reporting entities can be viewed at <https://www.fcc.gov/twelfth-annual-fee-report-state-filings-0>. The Northern Mariana Islands did not respond to the 2020 data request.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
- Filings can be sent 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.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE Washington DC 20554.⁴
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- All hand-carried documents should be delivered to the Secretary's Office at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.⁵

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⁴ *FCC Announces Change in Headquarters Location*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 11534 (OMD 2020); *Amendment of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 7867 (OMD 2020), 85 Fed. Reg. 64404 (Oct. 13, 2020).

⁵ *See Amendment of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 5450 (OMD 2020) (amending 47 CFR § 0.401(a)(1)(ii)).