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## OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL ANNOUNCES COMMENT DATES FOR NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING IN MODERNIZING SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT RULES PROCEEDING

GN Docket No. 19-309

**Comment Date: February 13, 2020**  
**Reply Comment Date: March 16, 2020**

By this Public Notice, the Office of General Counsel announces that comments in response to the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice)* in the *Modernizing Suspension and Debarment Rules* proceeding are due no later than February 13, 2020, and reply comments are due no later than March 16, 2020.<sup>1</sup> In the *Notice*, the Commission proposes to adopt new rules consistent with Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Government Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement). The Commission proposes that such new rules be applied to transactions under the Universal Service Fund (USF) and Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) programs and the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP).

The *Notice* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days after the date of publication of the summary of the *Notice* in the Federal Register.<sup>2</sup> The Federal Register published a summary of the *Notice* on January 14, 2020.<sup>3</sup> Complete filing instructions are contained in the *Notice* and the Federal Register Notice.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Modernizing Suspension and Debarment Rules*, GN Docket No. 19-309, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 19-120 (rel. Nov. 25, 2019). The document is available on the Commission's website at <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-proposes-new-rules-removing-bad-actors-fcc-programs-0> and is also available electronically via the Commission's Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) website at <https://www.fcc.gov/edocs> (by FCC Number, FCC 19-120) or via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) website at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/> (by docket number, GN Docket No. 19-309).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>3</sup> *Notice*, Proposed Rules, 85 Fed. Reg. 2078 (Jan. 14, 2020), <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/01/14/2019-28490/modernizing-suspension-and-debarment> (Federal Register Notice).

<sup>4</sup> See *Notice* at paras. 93-94 and Federal Register Notice at 2092.