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## PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON RESILIENT NETWORKS

PS Docket Nos. 21-346 and 15-80; ET Docket No. 04-35

## Comments Due: December 6, 2021 Reply Comments Due: January 4, 2022

On September 30, 2021, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*NPRM*) seeking comment on proposed rules to improve communications reliability during disasters.<sup>1</sup> The *NPRM* seeks comment on the wireless industry's disaster response framework, the Commission's network outage reporting rules, and strategies to reduce the impact of power outages on communications networks.<sup>2</sup> The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of a summary of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register.<sup>3</sup>

On November 5, 2021, the Office of the Federal Register published a summary of the *NPRM*, including the associated comment and reply comment dates.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, *NPRM* comments must be filed on or before December 6, 2021 and reply comments must be filed on or before January 4, 2022. The *NPRM* contains the comment filing instructions.<sup>5</sup>

For further information on the *NPRM*, contact Saswat Misra, Attorney Advisor, Cybersecurity & Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, 202–418–0944 or via e-mail at <u>Saswat.Misra@fcc.gov</u>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Resilient Networks; Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; New Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications, PS Docket Nos. 21-346 and 15-80; ET Docket No. 04-35, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 21-99 (September 30, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id. at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 86 FR 61103 (Nov. 5, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> NPRM at 18-19, paras. 45, 47.