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**Wireline competition bureau announces deadlines for comments on texting to 988 PROPOSAL**

**WC Docket No. 18-336**

**Comment Date: July 12, 2021  
Reply Comment Date: August 10, 2021**

On April 22, 2021, the Commission adopted the *Text-to-988 Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*.[[1]](#footnote-3) In the *Further Notice*, the Commission seeks comment on its proposal to expand access to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Lifeline) by establishing texting to 988.[[2]](#footnote-4) The Commission previously established 988 as the 3-digit code for people in crisis to reach the Lifeline by telephone beginning July 16, 2022.[[3]](#footnote-5) The *Further Notice* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days after the date of publication of a summary of the *Further Notice* in the Federal Register.[[4]](#footnote-6) The Federal Register published a summary of the *Further Notice* on June 11, 2021.[[5]](#footnote-7) Accordingly, comments will be due on or before July 12, 2021, and reply comments will be due on or before August 10, 2021. Complete filing instructions are provided in the *Further Notice* and in the Federal Register Notice.[[6]](#footnote-8)

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1. *Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018 Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, WC Docket No. 18-336, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 21-47 (rel. Apr. 23, 2021) (*Further Notice*), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-21-47A1.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *Id.* at paras. 19-61. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. *Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018,* WC Docket No. 18-336, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 7373, 7376, para. 4 (2020); *see* 47 CFR § 52.200. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. *Further Notice* at 1, 32-33, para. 78. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. Federal Communications Commission, Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018, 86 Fed. Reg. 31404 (June 11, 2021) (Federal Register Notice), https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/06/11/2021-09855/implementation-of-the-national-suicide-hotline-improvement-act-of-2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
6. *See* *Further Notice* at 32-33, para. 78; Federal Register Notice, 86 Fed. Reg. at 31420. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)