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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 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 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 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 The Federal Register published a summary of the *Further Notice* on June 11, 2021.⁵ 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

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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>.

² *Id.* at paras. 19-61.

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.

⁴ *Further Notice* at 1, 32-33, para. 78.

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>.

⁶ *See Further Notice* at 32-33, para. 78; Federal Register Notice, 86 Fed. Reg. at 31420.