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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON
EXEMPLAR TRAINING MATERIALS RELATED TO THE COMMISSION'S SHARING OF
NETWORK OUTAGE REPORTING SYSTEM AND DISASTER INFORMATION REPORTING
SYSTEM DATA WITH PARTICIPATING AGENCIES**

PS Docket No. 15-80

Comments Due: August 24, 2022
Reply Comments Due: September 6, 2022

On March 17, 2021, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted a *Second Report & Order* that established a framework for sharing Network Outage Reporting System (NORS) and Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) filings with participating state, federal, and Tribal nation agencies to improve public safety outcomes while safeguarding the confidentiality of this data.¹ In the *Second Report and Order*, the Commission adopted a requirement that each participating agency develop a training program or rely on an outside training program to train its staff on the proper uses of NORS and DIRS filings.² The Commission further delegated authority to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) to consult with diverse stakeholders, including state governments, the public safety community, service providers, and other industry representatives, to identify an exemplar training program or develop exemplar training materials that agencies could use for this purpose.³

By this Public Notice, the Bureau announces that it has developed draft exemplar training materials, appended hereto. The Bureau solicits feedback and requests that interested parties file written comments responding to these draft materials. The Bureau also intends to seek comments via other outreach efforts, where appropriate, and invites any interested party to contact the Bureau for a further discussion of these materials. The Bureau expects these efforts to support the potential further development of the materials prior to their release in final form.

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file comments by August 24, 2022 and reply comments by September 6, 2022. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). All comments must reference PS Docket No. 15-80.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

¹ See *Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications*, PS Docket No. 15-80, Second Report and Order, 36 FCC Rcd 6136 (2021) (*Second Report and Order*).

² *Id.* at paras. 105-108. The training program is required to cover, at a minimum, five program elements of the information sharing framework. *Id.* at 105.

³ *Id.* at paras. 105-108.

- 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
- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. *See FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy*, Public Notice, DA 20-304 (March 19, 2020). [FCC Closes Headquarters Open Window and Changes Hand-Delivery Policy | Federal Communications Commission](#). After COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, the Commission has established that hand-carried documents are to be filed at the Commission's office located at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. This will be the only location where hand-carried paper filings for the Commission will be accepted.⁵

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice).

Ex Parte Rules. The proceeding this petition initiates shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules.⁶ Persons making ex parte presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the ex parte presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during ex parte meetings are deemed to be written ex parte presentations and must be filed consistent with Rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by Rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written ex parte presentations and memoranda summarizing oral ex parte presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's ex parte rules.

Additional Information. For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Saswat Misra, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-0944, or by email to saswat.misra@fcc.gov.

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).

⁶ 47 CFR §§ 1.2000 et seq.