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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR 988 GEOROUTING SECOND FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

WC Docket No. 18-336

Comment Date: June 28, 2024 Reply Date: July 29, 2024

On April 25, 2024, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted a *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (*Second FNPRM*) seeking comment on a proposal to adopt rules requiring wireless carriers to implement a georouting solution for calls to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988 Lifeline) to ensure that calls are routed based on the geographic location for the origin of the call, rather than the area code and exchange associated with a wireless phone. In the *Second FNPRM*, the Commission also invites comment on a variety of issues related to implementing a georouting solution for the 988 Lifeline, the Commission's authority to adopt rules requiring wireless carriers to implement one or more georouting solutions for calls to the 988 Lifeline, and any potential or needed georouting solutions for non-wireless calls and texts to the 988 Lifeline.²

On May 29, 2024, a summary of the *Second FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register.³ Comments are due on or before **June 28, 2024**, and reply comments are due on or before **July 29, 2024**. Complete comment filing instructions are set forth in the *Second FNPRM*.⁴

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¹ Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Act of 2018, WC Docket No. 18-336, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 24-45 (Apr. 26, 2024) (Second FNPRM).

² *Id*

³ Federal Communications Commission, National Suicide Hotline Act of 2018, Proposed Rule, 89 Fed. Reg. 46340 (May 29, 2024).

⁴ Second FNPRM at 20-21, para. 37.