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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT DATES FOR  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING IN ACCELERATING WIRELINE  
BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT BY REMOVING BARRIERS TO INFRASTRUCTURE  
INVESTMENT PROCEEDING**

**WC Docket No. 17-84**

**Comment Date: September 22, 2025**

**Reply Comment Date: October 21, 2025**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau announces that comments in response to the *Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Fourth Further Notice)* in the *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment* proceeding are due no later than September 22, 2025, and the reply comments are due no later than October 21, 2025.<sup>1</sup> In the *Fourth Further Notice*, the Commission seeks comment on ways to further facilitate the processing of pole attachment applications and make-ready and on whether light poles fall within the purview of section 224 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.<sup>2</sup> □

The *Fourth Further Notice* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days after the date of publication of the summary of the *Fourth Further Notice* in the Federal Register.<sup>3</sup> The Federal Register published a summary of the *Fourth Further Notice* on August 22, 2025.<sup>4</sup> Complete filing instructions are contained in the *Fourth Further Notice* and the Federal Register Notice.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WC Docket No. 17-84, Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 25-38 (rel. July 25, 2025) (*Fourth Further Notice*). The document is available on the Commission's website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-25-38A1.pdf>. The document is also available electronically via the Commission's Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) website at <https://www.fcc.gov/edocs> (by FCC Number, FCC 25-38) or via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) website at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/> (by docket number, WC Docket No. 17-84).

<sup>2</sup> *Fourth Further Notice* at 34-67, paras. 51-103.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>4</sup> FCC, *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 90 Fed. Reg. 40993 (Aug. 22, 2025) (Federal Register Notice).

<sup>5</sup> *Fourth Further Notice* at 86-87, para. 146; Federal Register Notice, 90 Fed. Reg. at 40994.