

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

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Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireless Deployments) WT Docket No. 25-276

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ORDER DENYING EXTENSION OF TIME

Adopted: January 7, 2026

Released: January 7, 2026

By the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau:

1. By this Order, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau), denies the request of the City of Arlington, TX; the City of Bellevue, WA; the City of Boston, MA; the City of Bowie, MD; the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA; Coachella Valley Water District, CA; Culver City, CA; the City of Dallas, TX; District of Columbia; the City of Fontana, CA; the City of Gaithersburg, MD; the City of Henderson, NV; the City of Hillsborough, CA; Howard County, MD; Marin County, CA; the City of Monterey, CA; Montgomery County, MD; the City of Ontario, CA; the City of Palo Alto, CA; the City of Piedmont, CA; the City of Piscataway, NJ; the City of Plano, TX; Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues; and the City of Upland, CA (collectively, Local Government Commenters),¹ for an extension of time to file reply comments on the September 30, 2025 *Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireless Deployments Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*.² We find that the request does not provide adequate reasons to extend the time for commenters to file reply comments in this proceeding.

2. On September 30, 2025, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted and released publicly the *Build America Wireless Deployments NPRM*. Due to delays resulting from the government shutdown, the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on December 1, 2025, establishing a comment filing deadline of December 31, 2025, and a reply comment filing deadline of January 15, 2026.³ In their request, the Local Government Commenters argue that a 15-day extension of time to January 30, 2026, is warranted because they claim the reply comment period of 15 days is unusually short, they need extra time because a federal holiday occurs during the reply comment period, they claim the subject matter of the *NPRM* is complex, and the record is likely to be voluminous.

¹ See City of Arlington, TX; the City of Bellevue, WA; the City of Boston, MA; the City of Bowie, MD; the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA; Coachella Valley Water District, CA; Culver City, CA; the City of Dallas, TX; District of Columbia; the City of Fontana, CA; the City of Gaithersburg, MD; the City of Henderson, NV; the City of Hillsborough, CA; Howard County, MD; Marin County, CA; the City of Monterey, CA; Montgomery County, MD; the City of Ontario, CA; the City of Palo Alto, CA; the City of Piedmont, CA; the City of Piscataway, NJ; the City of Plano, TX; Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues; and the City of Upland, CA Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments, WT Docket No. 25-276 (filed Dec. 23, 2025).

² *Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireless Deployments Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, WT Docket No. 25-276., Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 25-73 (rel. Sep. 30, 2025) (*Build America Wireless Deployments NPRM*).

³ Federal Communications Commission, *Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireless Deployments Notice, Proposed Rule*, 90 Fed. Reg. 55066-01 (Dec. 1, 2025).

3. As set forth in section 1.46 of the Commission’s rules, extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.⁴ We do not find an extension of 15 additional days is necessary to develop a fulsome record, to review the record, or to respond to the comments received. Contrary to the Local Government Commenters’ assertion, a reply comment period of 15 days is standard, as noted on the Commission’s website.⁵ Federal holidays are a common and predictable occurrence and therefore a single federal holiday does not warrant an extension. The *Build America Wireless Deployments NPRM* focuses on accelerating the deployment of wireless infrastructure to give the public access to high-speed mobile internet services and we find any further delays in the comment deadlines is not in the public interest. Additionally, we find there is nothing sufficiently unique or unusual in this instance that would warrant granting an extension of the reply comment deadline. Accordingly, we deny the request to extend the reply comment deadline from January 15, 2026 to January 30, 2026.

4. *Ordering Clause.* Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to section 4(i)-(j) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i)-(j), and sections 0.131, 0.331, and 1.3 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.131, 0.331, 1.3, the Local Government Commenters’ Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments in response to the *Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireless Deployments Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the above captioned docket **IS DENIED**.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Joel Taubenblatt
Chief
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⁴ 47 CFR § 1.46(a).

⁵ Federal Communications Commission, *Formal Comments on Proceedings*, <https://www.fcc.gov/general/formal-comments-proceedings> (last visited Jan. 6, 2026).