



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## COMMENT DUE DATES SET FOR NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON THE LIFELINE PROGRAM

WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 17-287, 09-197, 21-450, 20-445

**Comments Due: May 4, 2026**

**Reply Comments Due: June 2, 2026**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau announces that comments in response to the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice)* in the *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization* proceeding are due no later than May 4, 2026, and reply comments are due no later than June 2, 2026.<sup>1</sup> In the *Notice*, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on reforms in the Lifeline program to ensure that federal dollars go to eligible Americans, enhance program integrity, ensure that service providers comply with the Commission's rules and regulations, and streamline Lifeline rules.

The *Notice* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days after the date of publication of the summary of the *Notice* in the Federal Register.<sup>2</sup> The Federal Register published a summary of the *Notice* on April 3, 2026.<sup>3</sup> Complete filing instructions are contained in the *Notice* and the *Federal Register Notice*.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 26-8 (Feb. 23, 2026) (*Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Notice* at 46, para. 115.

<sup>3</sup> Federal Communications Commission, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 91 Fed. Reg. 16871, 16872 (Apr. 3, 2026) (*Federal Register Notice*).

<sup>4</sup> *Federal Register Notice* at 16872.