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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON REQUEST BY GME PTY LTD FOR WAIVER OF PART 95 GMRS RULES

WT Docket No. 26-157

**Comment Date: July 17, 2026**

**Reply Date: August 3, 2026**

On March 4, 2026, GME Pty Ltd (GME) filed a request for waiver of the Commission’s rules governing the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) operations in the 462/467 MHz bands.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, GME requests waiver of three part 95 rules to permit additional location sharing and data transmissions for two proposed GME radios—a mobile device with a removable antenna for use in vehicles and a hand-held portable device with an integrated antenna.<sup>2</sup> GME seeks waiver of: section 95.1731(d) to allow digital data transmissions from these devices; section 95.1787(a)(1) to allow both devices to transmit location information and a brief text message within the location data sent to all GME users within range;<sup>3</sup> and of section 95.1787(a)(3) to increase the automatic digital data transmission rate from once within a 30-second period to once within a 15-second period under certain conditions.<sup>4</sup> GME also proposes several safeguards to protect against interference from its devices to the other users of the band.<sup>5</sup>

GME argues that grant of this request would serve the public interest as it would increase the “available safety features for GMRS radio users, especially those who are offroad and in rural and remote areas without reliable cell service.”<sup>6</sup> Additionally, GME suggests that prior GMRS waiver grants such as those given to Midland Radio Corporation and Garmin International, Inc. support grant of this waiver.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Request For Waiver, Non-Docketed ECFS INBOX-1.3 (Mar. 4, 2026), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/filing/103041261102813> (GME Petition).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 4-5.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 5.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 6. Noting that (1) Any transmission of digital data that is not appended as a tail to a voice transmission shall employ a “listen before send” mechanism that checks that the channel is free before transmitting the data burst; (2) any periodic transmission of digital data shall only occur if the GMRS unit has received a location services data burst on the currently selected channel within the last 30 minutes; and (3) transmissions would not use the 467 MHz main channels at all to avoid any chance of interference with repeaters.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 6.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 6, 7 (citing *Midland Radio Corporation Petition for Waiver of Certain FCC’s Rules to Authorize a Radio System to Improve Safety for Off-Road GMRS Users*, Order, 38 FCC Rcd 6583 (WTB 2023) (*Midland Safety Waiver*); *Garmin International, Inc. Request for Waiver of Section 95.1787(a)(3) of the Commission’s Rules*, Order, 40 FCC Rcd 122 (WTB 2025) (*Garmin Safety Waiver*)).

By this *Public Notice*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau seeks comment on all aspects of this petition for waiver. To develop a complete record on the issues presented by this request, the proceeding will be treated, for *ex parte* purposes, as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with section 1.1200(a) of the Commission’s rules,<sup>8</sup> subject to the requirements under section 1.1206(b).<sup>9</sup> GME filed its petition electronically as a non-docketed proceeding in the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System.<sup>10</sup> We have opened a new docket, **WT Docket 26-157**, to facilitate consideration of this request and have moved GME’s petition into this docket. Parties should file all comments and reply comments in **WT Docket 26-157**.

*Filing Requirements.* Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document and must reference **WT Docket No. 26-157**. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>.
- *Paper Filers:* Parties filing by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
  - Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S. Postal Service. **All filings must be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.**
  - Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC’s mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
  - Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
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*Availability of Documents.* Comments, reply comments, and *ex parte* submissions will be available via ECFS. Documents will be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat.

*Ex Parte Rules.* As stated above, the proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.<sup>11</sup> 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

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<sup>8</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1200(a).

<sup>9</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1206(b).

<sup>10</sup> See GME Petition.

<sup>11</sup> 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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.

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Action by the Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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