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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CERTAIN SUBMARINE CABLE RULES AND COMMENT DATES ON THE FURTHER NOTICE

OI Docket No. 24-523, MD Docket No. 24-524

Comment Deadline: August 26, 2026

Reply Comment Deadline: September 25, 2026

Submarine Cable Second Report and Order Effective Date of Certain Rules. On June 25, 2026, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted the *Submarine Cable Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*.¹ A summary of the Second Report and Order was published in the Federal Register on July 27, 2026, and the following rules will become effective on September 25, 2026.² The Commission will publish a notice when the remaining rules become effective.

- 47 CFR § 0.351(a)(16)
- 47 CFR §§ 1.70001(i)-(p)
- 47 CFR § 1.70002(e)
- Non-substantive changes to 47 CFR §§ 1.70007(u) and (w)³

Compliance with the remaining rules adopted or modified in the *Submarine Cable Report and Order*, which may contain new or modified information collection requirements will not be required until the completion of the review of any information collections by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act and the announcement by the Office of International Affairs of the effective date of the new rules.⁴ The Office of International Affairs will announce the effective date for those rules by notice in the Federal Register and by subsequent public notice.

Submarine Cable Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The *Second Further Notice*

¹ *Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Rules and Procedures to Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks; Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission's Rules*, OI Docket No. 24-523, released June 30, 2026 (*Submarine Cable Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice*).

² Federal Communications Commission, *Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Rules and Procedures To Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks*, Final Rule, 91 Fed. Reg. 46844 (July 27, 2026) (Second Report and Order Federal Register Summary).

³ *Submarine Cable Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice* at 131-32, Amendatory instruction 10.

⁴ *See id.* at 118, para. 253.

seeks comment on the routine conditions the Commission should consider to improve its oversight of Submarine Line Terminal Equipment (SLTE) owners and operators.⁵ The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the *Second Further Notice* in the Federal Register.⁶ A summary of the *Second Further Notice* was published in the Federal Register on July 27, 2026.⁷

Accordingly, comments must be filed on or before Wednesday, August 26, 2026, and reply comments must be filed on or before Friday, September 25, 2026. The *Second Further Notice* contains the comment filing instructions.⁸

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⁵ *Id.* at 114, para. 233.

⁶ *Id.* at 1.

⁷ Federal Communications Commission, Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Rules and Procedures to Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks, Proposed Rule, 91 Fed. Reg. 46888 (July 27, 2026) (Second Further Notice Federal Register Summary).

⁸ *Submarine Cable Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice* at 117-18, paras. 244, 247.