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**COMMENT DUE DATES SET FOR THE BUILD AMERICA:
ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO WIRELINE DEPLOYMENTS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

WC Docket No. 25-253

Comments Due: September 21, 2026

Reply Comments Due: November 5, 2026

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau announces that comments in response to the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice)* in the *Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireline Deployments* proceeding are due no later than September 21, 2026, and the reply comments are due no later than November 5, 2026.¹ In the *Notice*, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) proposes and seeks comment on rules that would prevent certain state and local statutes, regulations, and legal requirements from having a prohibitive effect on the provision of wireline telecommunications services in violation of Section 253 of the Communications Act.²

The *Notice* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 45 and 90 days after the date of publication of the summary of the *Notice* in the Federal Register.³ The Federal Register published a summary of the *Notice* on August 7, 2026.⁴ Complete filing instructions are contained in the *Notice* and the *Federal Register Notice*.⁵

For additional information, please contact Benjamin Goodwin, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, by email at Benjamin.Goodwin@fcc.gov or by phone (202) 418-0958.

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¹ *Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireline Deployments*, WC Docket No. 25-253, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 26-40 (June 26, 2026) (*Notice*). This document is available on the Commission's website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-26-40A1.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 26-40) or via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) website at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/> (by docket number, WC Docket No. 25-253).

² 47 U.S.C. § 253.

³ See *Notice* at 43, para. 84.

⁴ FCC, *Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireline Deployments*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 91 Fed. Reg. 51121 (Aug. 7, 2026) (Federal Register Notice).

⁵ *Notice* at 42, para. 76; Federal Register Notice at 51121.