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COMMENT DATES FOR ENSURING CHILDREN'S SAFE USE OF SCREENS AND E-RATE-FUNDED SERVICES NOTICE AND PROGRAM INTEGRITY FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

WC Docket Nos. 26-133, 13-184, 21-93, 21-455

Comments Due: October 13, 2026

Reply Comments Due: November 12, 2026

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces the comment and reply comment dates for the *Ensuring Children's Safe Use of Screens and E-Rate-Funded Services Notice and Program Integrity Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*.¹

The Commission released the *Notice and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* on June 26, 2026, seeking comment on measures the Commission can take to empower parents, guardians, and teachers and better protect children when using E-Rate-funded networks and services. Additionally, the *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* seeks comment on actions the Commission can take to further strengthen E-Rate program integrity and streamline program administration.² The *Notice and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* requires that comments and reply comments be filed no later than 60 and 90 days after publication in the Federal Register, respectively.³ On August 14, 2026, the Federal Register published a summary of the *Notice and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* titled "FCC to Review E-Rate Program to Ensure Congress's Vision."⁴ The August 14, 2026, *Federal Register Notice* establishes **October 13, 2026**, as the deadline for comments and **November 12, 2026**, as the deadline for reply comments.⁵ The *Notice and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* and *Federal Register Notice* contain complete filing instructions.⁶

¹ *Ensuring Children's Safe Use of Screens and E-Rate Funded Services; Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries, Establishing the Emergency Connectivity Fund to Close the Homework Gap, Promoting Fair and Open Competitive Bidding in the E-Rate Program*, WC Docket Nos. 26-133, et al., Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 26-41 (2026) (*Notice and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.* at 1.

⁴ See FCC to Review E-Rate Program to Ensure Congress's Vision, 91 Fed. Reg. 52626 (Aug. 14, 2026) (*Federal Register Notice*).

⁵ *Id.* at 52626.

⁶ See *Notice and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* at 50-51; *Federal Register Notice* at 52626.

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