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COMMENT DATES FOR MAXIMIZING EFFICIENCIES IN UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

WC Docket No. 26-173

Comments Due: September 30, 2026
Reply Comments Due: October 30, 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 *Maximizing Efficiencies in Universal Service Administration Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*.¹

The Commission released the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* on August 7, 2026, seeking comment on measures the Commission can take to strengthen management of the Universal Service Fund by reforming administrative processes, improving its oversight of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), minimizing operating costs, and reconfiguring USAC's Board of Directors.² The *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* requires that comments and reply comments be filed no later than 30 and 60 days after publication in the Federal Register, respectively.³ On August 31, 2026, the Federal Register published a summary of the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* titled "Maximizing Efficiencies in Universal Service Administration."⁴ The August 31, 2026 *Federal Register Notice* establishes **September 30, 2026**, as the deadline for comments and **October 30, 2026**, as the deadline for reply comments.⁵ The *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* and *Federal Register Notice* contain complete filing instructions.⁶

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¹ *Maximizing Efficiencies in Universal Service Administration*, WC Docket No. 26-173, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 26-52 (2026) (*Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.* at 1.

⁴ See *Maximizing Efficiencies in Universal Service Administration*, 91 Fed. Reg. 55826 (Aug. 31, 2026) (*Federal Register Notice*).

⁵ *Id.* at 55826.

⁶ See *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* at 20-21; *Federal Register Notice* at 55826.