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FCC Aims to Overhaul NEPA Process to Accelerate Permitting and High-Speed Infrastructure Builds

WASHINGTON, August 7, 2025—The Federal Communications Commission today launched a rulemaking to accelerate infrastructure builds by modernizing its environmental regulations. As part of the FCC’s Build America Agenda, this proceeding aims to cut red tape and unleash new infrastructure projects through a comprehensive review of the FCC’s National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) rules.

As part of President Trump’s effort to simplify permitting processes that can slow down economic development, infrastructure investment, and job creation, the FCC will examine its NEPA regulations to ensure they are efficient and clear.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted today will examine the FCC’s environmental regulations to align them with the amended NEPA statute, speed up the federal permitting process, support faster infrastructure deployment, and ensure that the Commission’s regulations are clear. The Notice will also take a fresh look at the FCC’s National Historic Preservation Act regulations and other aspects of its environmental regulations.

The FCC will seek comment on the terms and exclusions in the updated NEPA statute, including “major federal action,” which triggers federal agencies’ NEPA obligations. It will also ask for input on how the updated NEPA statute should be applied to the Commission’s regulations and on what changes are needed.

Action by the Commission August 7, 2025 by Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 25-47).
Chairman Carr, Commissioners Gomez and Trusty approving and issuing separate statements.

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