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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT DATES FOR NPRM ON REGULATION OF BUSINESS DATA SERVICES FOR RATE-OF-RETURN LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS

WC Docket No. 17-144

Comment Date: June 18, 2018

Reply Comment Date: July 2, 2018

On April 17, 2018, the Commission adopted the *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)*.¹ In the *NPRM*, the Commission proposes to allow rate-of-return carriers receiving universal service support under the Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) to voluntarily migrate their lower speed circuit-based business data service (BDS) offerings to incentive regulation and seeks comment on whether to reduce pricing regulation of these carriers' BDS offerings. The *NPRM* sets deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days, respectively, following publication in the Federal Register.²

The Federal Register published a summary of the *NPRM* on May 17, 2018.³ Accordingly, comments will be due on or before June 18, 2018, and reply comments will be due on or before July 2, 2018. Complete filing instructions are provided in the *NPRM*⁴ and the Federal Register.⁵

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¹ *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 17-144, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-46 (rel. April 18, 2018). The document is available on the Commission's website at https://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2018/db0418/FCC-18-46A1.pdf. The document is also available electronically via the Commission's Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) website at https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/ (by FCC document number, FCC 18-46) or via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) website at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/> (by docket number, WC Docket No. 17-144).

² *NPRM* at 1.

³ *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers*, Proposed Rule, 83 Fed. Reg. 22923 (May 17, 2018), <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/05/17/2018-10338/regulation-of-business-data-services-for-rate-of-return-local-exchange-carriers> (Notice).

⁴ See *NPRM* at 24-25, paras. 64-65. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

⁵ See Notice at 22923-24.