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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT
ON PETITION FOR RULEMAKING FILED BY THE NATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION TO REVISE
THE RULES FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
PRIORITY (TSP) SYSTEM**

WT Docket No 96-86

Comments: August 30, 2019

Reply Comments: September 16, 2019

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau seeks comment on a Petition for Rulemaking¹ filed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) requesting that the Federal Communications Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding to update the rules and requirements for the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) system.² In its petition, NTIA describes the TSP's primary purposes as: "(1) to ensure expedited provisioning and restoration of critical NS/EP [National Security and Emergency Preparedness] voice and data circuits; and (2) to support national leadership, Federal, state, local tribal and territorial governments and other NS/EP users, to include private sector entities."³ NTIA states that the TSP rules and requirements should be updated to "reflect the current operations of TSP, the current Executive Branch governance structure for the service and the need to reflect new communications providers and technologies available to National Security and Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) users."⁴

¹ Petition for Rulemaking filed July 17, 2019 by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (Petition) available at:

<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10717271312819/NTIA%20TSP%20Petition%20for%20Rulemaking%207.17.19.pdf>.

² Petition at 2. In addition to the Petition, NTIA filed supplemental comments on Wireless Priority Services (WPS). Ex parte Comments of NTIA available at:

<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10717858004691/NTIA%20WPS%20ExParte%20Comment%207.17.19.pdf>. The supplement updates NTIA's previous petition for rulemaking seeking revisions to the WPS rules. *See Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comment on Petition for Rulemaking Filed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to Revise the Rules for Wireless Priority Service*, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 8131 (2018) (*WPS Public Notice*). The NTIA supplement updates its prior petition in light of revisions to technical standards and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-454, which made certain organizational changes within the Department of Homeland Security.

³ Petition at 2.

⁴ *Id.* at 1-2.

Parties may file comments and reply comments to this *Public Notice* on the dates in the above caption and, in responding to this *Public Notice*, may also refresh and update their comments filed in response to the 2018 *WPS Public Notice*.⁵

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above and must reference WT Docket No. 96-86. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

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⁵ See *supra* note 2.

⁶ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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