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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 WIRELESS PRIORITY SERVICE**

WT Docket No. 96-86

Comments: August 28, 2018

Reply Comments: September 7, 2018

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau seeks comment on a Petition for Rulemaking filed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), for the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to revise Appendix B to the Part 64 rules¹ for Priority Access Service (PAS), now commonly known as Wireless Priority Service (WPS).²

NTIA states that “Although WPS has evolved considerably since its creation under the PAS name in 2000, the rules governing the service have not changed since they were initially issued.”³ NTIA seeks to update those rules to “reflect the current operations of WPS, the current Executive Branch governance structure for the service, and the need for more robust and reliable communications by National Security and Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) users.”⁴ To that end, NTIA requests “a broad range of substantive changes and administrative and technical updates to the original WPS rules.”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).

¹ 47 CFR Part 64, App. B.

² Petition of National Telecommunications and Information Administration for Revision of Rules and Requirements for Wireless Priority Service, WT Docket No. 96-86 (filed July 9, 2018) (NTIA Petition) available at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/1070951773719>. Attachment 1 of the NTIA Petition identifies the specific rule changes NTIA proposes.

³ NTIA Petition at 1.

⁴ *Id.* at 2.

⁵ *Id.* at 5.

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- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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⁶ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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