



Federal Communications Commission

Washington, D.C. 20554

August 16, 2018

Re: Notice of proposed changes to 47 CFR Part 36, CC Docket No. 80-286

Dear State Colleague:

On July 18, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing changes to the Part 36 jurisdictional separations rules, including a 15-year extension of the category relationship and cost allocation factor freeze as well as a time-limited opportunity for rate-of-return carriers to opt out of their elections to freeze their category relationships.¹ Notice of this *2018 Separations Freeze FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register on July 27, 2018.² Comments are due on or before August 27, 2018, and reply comments are due on or before September 10, 2018.³

Section 220(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, provides that “[t]he Commission, before prescribing any requirements as to accounts, records, or memoranda, shall notify each State commission having jurisdiction with respect to any carrier involved, and shall give reasonable opportunity to each such commission to present its views, and shall receive and consider such views and recommendations.”⁴

In order that the Commission’s decisions in this proceeding may be guided by the fullest possible record, we are providing each State commission with additional notice of the *2018 Separations Freeze FNPRM*. A copy is, accordingly, attached with this letter.

Although the formal deadline for filing comments is August 27, 2018, State commissions are also invited to present their views and recommendations in accordance with the rules governing

¹ *Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board*, CC Docket No. 80-286, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-99 (rel. July 18, 2018) (*2018 Separations Freeze FNPRM*).

² 83 Fed. Reg. 35582 (July 27, 2018).

³ *Id.*

⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 220(i).

ex parte presentations in “permit-but-disclose” proceedings.⁵ To ensure full consideration, initial written presentations should be filed by the September 10, 2018, deadline for filing reply comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Arluk', with a stylized, flowing script.

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⁵ 47 CFR 47 § 1.1206.