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FCC BUREAUS AND OFFICES SEEK PUBLIC COMMENT IN 2018 BIENNIAL REVIEW OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS

**CG Docket No. 18-375, EB Docket No. 18-379, IB Docket No. 18-377, ET Docket No. 18-370, PS
Docket No. 18-376, WT Docket No. 18-374, WC Docket No. 18-378**

Comment Date: January 17, 2019

Reply Comment Date: February 19, 2019

NOTE: SEPARATE PLEADINGS MUST BE FILED WITH EACH BUREAU OR OFFICE THAT HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE APPLICABLE RULE

Section 11 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, requires the Commission to review biennially its regulations “that apply to the operations or activities of any provider of telecommunications service” and (2) “determine whether any such regulation is no longer necessary in the public interest as the result of meaningful economic competition between providers of such service.”¹ The Commission must repeal or modify any regulation that it finds are no longer in the public interest.²

With this Public Notice, the relevant Commission Bureaus and Offices seek comment from the public as to what rules should be modified or repealed as part of the 2018 biennial review.³ Submissions should identify with as much specificity as possible the rule that the commenting party believes should be amended or repealed, and explain why and how the rule should be amended or repealed. We seek such comment for all rules that are outdated, archaic, or otherwise not in the public interest. To facilitate review, comments should be filed in the appropriate docket (or dockets for rules within the jurisdiction of more than one Bureau or Office).

The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau seeks comment on amending Parts 1 (Sections 1.716-1.719), 14 (Subpart D), 20 (for rules relating to wireless hearing aid compatibility only), 64 (Section 64.610), and 68 (for rules relating to wireless hearing aid compatibility and Section 68.318(a)-(d)). Comments should be filed in CG Docket No. 18-375. For further information, please contact Daniel Margolis, (202) 418-1377, or Daniel.Margolis@fcc.gov.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 161.

² The Commission resolved several interpretative issues under the Section 11 standard in the 2002 *Biennial Regulatory Review*, 18 FCC Rcd 4726 (2003), *aff’d*, *Cellco Partnership v. FCC*, 357 F.3d 88 (D.C. Cir. 2004) (*Cellco Partnership*).

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.430.

The Enforcement Bureau seeks comment on amending Part 1 (Sections 1.5, 1.49, 1.51, 1.80, and 1.89). Comments should be filed in EB Docket No. 18-379. For further information, please contact David Strickland, (202) 418-0977, or David.Strickland@fcc.gov.

The International Bureau seeks comment on amending Parts 1 (Subpart T, Sections 1.5000 to 1.5004), 25, 43 (Sections 43.51 & 43.82), and 63 (Sections 63.09 to 63.51 and 63.53). Comments should be filed in IB-Docket No. 18-377. For further information, please contact Kathryn O'Brien, (202) 418-0439, or Kathryn.O'Brien@fcc.gov.

The Office of Engineering and Technology seeks comment on amending Parts 1 (Section 1.1307 and 1.1310), 2 (Subparts A, B, I, J and K), 5, 15 and 18. Comments should be filed in ET Docket No. 18-370. For further information, please contact Kevin Holmes, (202) 418-0564, Kevin.Holmes@fcc.gov, and Jamison Prime, (202) 418-7474, Jamison.Prime@fcc.gov.

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau seeks comment on amending Parts 1 (Subpart Z), 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 20 (Sections 20.3 and 20.18), 22 (Section 22.921), 25 (Section 25.284), 64 (Subparts D and AA), and 90 (Subpart N, Sections 90.405 to 90.417; Subpart R; and Subpart S, Sections 90.635 to 90.651 and 90.676 to 90.677). Comments should be filed in PS Docket No. 18-376. For further information, please contact John K. Adams, (202) 418-0394, or John.Adams@fcc.gov.

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau seeks comment on amending Parts 1 (Subparts F, Q, X, and AA), 8, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 80, 87, 90, 95, 96, and 101. Comments should be filed in WT Docket No. 18-374. For further information, please contact Aaron Goldberger, (202) 418-1899, or Aaron.Goldberger@fcc.gov.

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on amending Parts 1 (Subpart E, Sections 1.763-1.764, 1.771-1.774, 1.776, 1.781, 1.783, 1.785-1.795, 1.815, 1.1406(e), and Subpart V, Sections 1.7000-1.7002), 8, 32, 36, 42, 43, 51, 52, 53, 54, 59, 61, 63, 64 (Subpart G, Section 702, and Subparts I, M, N, Q, R, S, T, U, X, Z, DD, EE, and FF), 65, 68 (Sections 68.1 – 68.3, 68.7, 68.100 – 68.110, 68.160 – 68.162, 68.201 – 68.214, 68.218, 68.300, 68.318(e), 68.320-68.354; and Subpart G), and 69. Comments should be filed in WC Docket No. 18-378. For further information, please contact Kirk Burgee at (202) 418-1599 or Kirk.Burgess@fcc.gov.

Comments may be submitted using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or (2) by filing paper copies.⁴ Electronic submissions can be filed through the Commission's ECFS filing interface located at the following Internet address: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket number appears in the caption of a filing, the filer must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

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⁴ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

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This is an exempt proceeding pursuant to § 1.1204(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1204(b). *Ex parte* presentations are permitted.

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