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FCC SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN RECOMMENDATION TO CREATE A CYBERSECURITY ROADMAP

PS Docket No. 10-146
GN Docket No. 09-51

Comments Due: September 23, 2010

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC or Commission) Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) seeks public comment on the creation of a Cybersecurity Roadmap to identify vulnerabilities to communications networks or end-users and to develop countermeasures and solutions in preparation for, and response to, cyber threats and attacks in coordination with federal partners. The FCC's Cybersecurity Roadmap was recommended as an initial step forward in the area of cybersecurity as part of the Commission's National Broadband Plan (NBP). Specifically, the NBP recommended that the FCC issue, in coordination with the Executive Branch, a plan to address cybersecurity. The NBP further stated that the roadmap should identify the five most critical cybersecurity threats to the communications infrastructure and its end users and establish a two-year plan, including milestones, for the FCC to address these threats.[1] In making this recommendation, the NBP stated that "[t]he country needs a clear strategy for securing the vital communications networks upon which critical infrastructure and public safety communications rely."[2]

The Cybersecurity Roadmap will establish a plan for the FCC to address vulnerabilities to core Internet protocols and technologies and threats to end-users, including consumers, business enterprises, including small businesses, public safety and all levels of government. Cybersecurity is a vital topic for the Commission because end-user lack of trust in online experiences will quell demand for broadband services, and unchecked vulnerabilities in the communications infrastructure could threaten life, safety and privacy. The NBP originally called for completion of the Cybersecurity Roadmap within 180 days (e.g., September 13, 2010). In order to ensure a complete and robust

[1] Omnibus Broadband Initiative, Federal Communications Commission, *Connecting America: The National Broadband Plan* (March 2010) at 123 (Recommendation § 16.5).

[2] *Id.*

record in response to this Public Notice, we anticipate completion of the Cybersecurity Roadmap by November 2010.

We welcome public input on these matters and the overall roadmap from interested parties. For example, commenters could offer responses to: What are the most vital cybersecurity vulnerabilities for communications networks or users? How can these vulnerabilities be addressed? What role should the Commission play in addressing them? What steps should the Commission take, if any, to remediate them? If the FCC does not play a role in addressing these vulnerabilities and problems, what agency or entity would fulfill that role? How should the Commission coordinate its efforts with other agencies of government?

Procedural Matters

A. Comment Filing Procedures

Interested parties may file comments a on or before the date indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Parties wishing to file materials with a claim of confidentiality should follow the procedures set forth in section 0.459 of the Commission's rules. Confidential submissions may not be filed via ECFS but rather should be filed with the Secretary's Office following the procedures set forth in 47 C.F.R. Section 0.459. Redacted versions of confidential submissions may be filed via ECFS.

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