

use SIP Code 603 to meet the immediate notification requirement beginning on January 1, 2022. At that time, the Commission also granted the request to clarify that the immediate notification requirements apply to all analytics-based blocking, and do not apply to non-analytics-based blocking programs and that the blocked calls list requirements applies only to opt-in or opt-out analytics-based blocking and not to other blocking programs.

2. In this FNPRM, the Commission seeks comment on whether and how to transition away from the use of SIP Code 603 for immediate notification and toward full implementation of SIP Codes 607 and 608. Should the Commission phase out use of SIP Code 603 for its immediate notification requirement or does SIP Code 603 provide adequate information to callers? Does SIP Code 603 require additional modifications to make it useful for callers? If so, would such modifications potentially eliminate any cost or time savings gained from allowing its use? Would use of SIP Code 603 for such purposes undermine its value for callers because its use is too varied for proper analysis by caller analytics programs?

3. The Commission also sought comment on whether setting a firm deadline for implementation of SIP Codes 607 and 608 is the best means of ensuring that voice service providers move expeditiously while allowing standards bodies to continue their important processes. If the Commission requires use of only SIP Codes 607 and 608, what is the appropriate deadline for implementation? What factors should the Commission consider in making this decision? How might the Commission encourage standards bodies to finalize their work in a timely manner? Should the Commission require voice service providers to submit status reports on their progress in implementing SIP Codes 607 and 608? If so, how often should the Commission require such status reports?

4. The Commission sought comment on any other matters raised by the SIP Code requirements addressed in the Order on Reconsideration. The Commission specifically requested comment on any potential costs and benefits associated with phasing out SIP Code 603 for purposes of the immediate notification requirement, and the burden, if any, on small businesses.

#### Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

5. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended, (RFA), the Commission has prepared this Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) of the possible

significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities by the policies and rules proposed in this Sixth FNPRM. Written public comments are requested on this IRFA. Comments must be identified as responses to the IRFA and must be filed by the deadlines for comments on the FNPRM provided on the first page of this document. The Commission will send a copy of the FNPRM, including this IRFA, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

6. *Need for, and Objectives of, the Proposed Rules.* The FNPRM seeks comment on whether to phase out the use of SIP Code 603 for purposes of voice service providers' immediate notification requirements. The Commission continues to believe that it should retain its requirement that terminating voice service providers ultimately use only SIP Codes 607 or 608 in IP networks, as these codes are designed to be used for call blocking. As many commenters note, the design specifications for SIP Codes 607 and 608 provide important information that enables callers to contact blocking entities and initiate the redress process. The Commission believes that these codes present the best long-term solution for immediate notification. While some commenters argue that certain design specifications may be difficult to implement, the Commission believes that it should encourage standards-setting bodies to finalize their work and provide time for voice service providers to implement, test, and refine internal systems needed to return codes 607 and 608. The FNPRM seeks comment on this belief and whether and how the Commission should phase out the use of SIP Code 603 for purposes of voice service providers' immediate notification requirements.

7. *Legal Basis.* The proposed and anticipated rules are authorized under sections 154(i), 201, 202, 227, 251(e), and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 201, 202, 227, 251(e), 403, and section 10 of the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act, Public Law 116–105, 133 Stat. 3274.

8. *Description of Projected Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Other Compliance Requirements.* As indicated above, the FNPRM seeks comment on whether and how to phase out the use of SIP Code 603 for purposes of voice service providers' immediate notification requirements. The FNPRM does not contain any projected reporting, recordkeeping, or other compliance requirements.

9. *Steps Taken to Minimize Significant Economic Impact on Small*

*Entities, and Significant Alternatives Considered.* The RFA requires an agency to describe any significant alternatives that it has considered in reaching its proposed approach, which may include the following four alternatives (among others): (1) The establishment of differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables that take into account the resources available to small entities; (2) the clarification, consolidation, or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements under the rule for small entities; (3) the use of performance, rather than design, standards; and (4) an exemption from coverage of the rule, or any part thereof, for small entities.

10. The FNPRM seeks comment on whether and how to phase out the use of SIP Code 603 for purposes of voice service providers' immediate notification requirements. The Commission expects to consider the economic impact on small entities, as identified in comments filed in response to the FNPRM and this IRFA, in reaching its final conclusions and taking action in this proceeding.

11. *Federal Rules that May Duplicate, Overlap, or Conflict with the Proposed Rules.* None.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Katura Jackson,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 1

[WC Docket No. 18–89; Report No. 3185; FR ID 64443]

#### Petition for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Petition for Reconsideration.

**SUMMARY:** Petition for Reconsideration (Petition) has been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceeding by Carri Bennet, on behalf of The Rural Wireless Association, Inc.

**DATES:** Oppositions to the Petition must be filed on or before January 14, 2022. Replies to oppositions must be filed on or before January 24, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Layton, Telecommunications

Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-7400 or via email at [William.Layton@fcc.gov](mailto:William.Layton@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's document, Report No. 3185, released December 20, 2021. The full text of the Petition can be accessed online via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System at: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. The Commission will not send a Congressional Review Act (CRA) submission to Congress or the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A), because no rules are being adopted by the Commission.

**Subject:** In the Matter of Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs, Third Report and Order, published at 86 FR 46995, August 23, 2021, in WC Docket No. 18-89. This document is being published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e). See also 47 CFR 1.4(b)(1) and 1.429(f), (g).

*Number of Petitions Filed:* 1.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[MB Docket No. 21-422; DA 21-1611; FR ID 64452]

### Media Bureau Extends Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines for FM Directional Antenna NPRM

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission grants a motion for extension of time in the Updating FM Broadcast Radio Service Directional Antenna Performance Verification proceeding, to extend the comment and reply comment deadlines.

**DATES:** Comments may be filed on or before January 20, 2022, and reply comments may be filed on or before February 4, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by MB Docket No. 21-422, by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Filers:* Federal Communications Commission's website: <https://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Paper Filers:* Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although the Commission continues to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.

- During the time the Commission's building is closed to the general public and until further notice, if more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of a proceeding, paper filers need not submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number; an original and one copy are sufficient.

*People with Disabilities:* Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by email: [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or phone: 202-418-0530 or 202-418-0432 (TTY).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Albert Shuldiner, Chief, Media Bureau, Audio Division, (202) 418-2700; Thomas Nessinger, Senior Counsel, Media Bureau, Audio Division, (202) 418-2700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Media Bureau's Public Notice in MB Docket No. 21-422; DA 21-1611, released on December 20, 2021. The full text of this document is available electronically for public inspection via ECFS at <https://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/> and the FCC's website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-21-1611A1.pdf>.

Documents will be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat. Alternative formats are available for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), by sending an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or calling the Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

## Synopsis

1. By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau extends the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding to update the Commission's rules by allowing an FM or LPFM applicant proposing a directional antenna system to verify the system's performance through computer modeling.

2. On November 15, 2021, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking setting out its proposed rule changes allowing verification of FM and LPFM directional antennas by computer modeling. Updating FM Broadcast Radio Service Directional Antenna Performance Verification, MB Docket No. 21-422, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 21-117 (Nov. 15, 2021). On November 30, 2021, the Media Bureau announced a comment filing deadline of December 30, 2021, and a reply comment filing deadline of January 14, 2022, in the above-captioned proceeding. Comment and Reply Comment Dates Set for FM Directional Antenna NPRM, MB Docket No. 21-422, Public Notice, DA 21-1485 (MB Nov. 30, 2021).

3. On December 17, 2021, the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) requested an extension of the comment and reply comment filing deadlines until January 20 and February 4, 2022, respectively. Motion for Extension of Time of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), MB Docket No. 21-422 (filed Dec. 17, 2021) (Extension Motion). NAB states that, in the Joint Petition for Rulemaking on which the NPRM was based (Joint Petition for Rulemaking, filed by Dielectric, LLC; Educational Media Foundation; Jampro Antennas, Inc.; Radio Frequency Systems; and Shively Labs (filed June 15, 2021)), the Joint Petitioners included a technical exhibit comparing the results of computer modeling using one commercial software product with the physical measurements taken from an FM directional antenna mounted on one particular type of tower. Extension Motion at 2. NAB believes that the record would "significantly benefit from additional technical information involving common tower structures and other commercial software products." *Id.* However, while NAB states it has reached out to broadcasters, consulting engineers, and antenna manufacturers to provide such technical data for the record, it points out that the end-of-year holiday season and upcoming federal holidays means that many potential commenters will be on vacation, or their offices will be closed or dealing with