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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATES OF 2024
INCARCERATED PEOPLE'S COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES ORDER AND
COMMENT DATES FOR 2024 INCARCERATED
PEOPLE'S COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FURTHER
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

WC Docket Nos. 23-62, 12-375

Comments Due: October 21, 2024

Reply Comments Due: November 19, 2024

On July 22, 2024, the Commission released the *2024 IPCS Order*, implementing the Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act of 2022 and adopting comprehensive reforms and revised rules governing incarcerated people's communications services (IPCS).¹ The *Order* provides that it shall be effective 60 days after publication in the Federal Register and that delegations of authority shall be effective upon publication in the Federal Register,² except in cases where rule amendments require approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).³

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces that the *2024 IPCS Order* was published in the Federal Register on September 20, 2024.⁴ Accordingly, except for rules requiring OMB approval, all rules adopted in that Order will take effect on **November 19, 2024**. The portions of *2024 IPCS Order* delegating authority to the Bureau, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, and the Office of Economics and Analytics are effective **September 20, 2024**.

By this Public Notice, the Bureau also announces that the *2024 IPCS Further Notice* was also published in the Federal Register on September 20, 2024.⁵ The *2024 IPCS Further Notice* requires that comments and reply comments be filed no later than 30 days and 60 days after publication in the Federal

¹ *Incarcerated People's Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket Nos. 23-62, 12-375, Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, Clarification and Waiver, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 24-75 (rel. July 22, 2024) (*2024 IPCS Order* or *Order* or *2024 IPCS Further Notice*).

² *2024 IPCS Order* at 308, 322, paras. 595, 641-42.

³ *Id.* at 308, 322, paras. 595, 641. Rules subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act require Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review prior to becoming effective. Certain other existing rules will be superseded thereafter.

⁴ Federal Communications Commission, *Incarcerated People's Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, 89 Fed. Reg. 77244 (Sept. 20, 2024).

⁵ Federal Communications Commission, *Incarcerated People's Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, 89 Fed. Reg. 77065 (Sept. 20, 2024) (*2024 IPCS Further Notice Federal Register Notice*).

Register.⁶ Comments in response to the *2024 IPCS Further Notice* are due no later than **October 21, 2024**, and reply comments are due no later than **November 19, 2024**. The *2024 IPCS Further Notice* and the *2024 IPCS Further Notice Federal Register Notice* contain complete filing instructions.⁷

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⁶ *2024 IPCS Order* at 322, para. 648.

⁷ See *2024 IPCS Further Notice* at 321-22, paras. 634-39; *2024 IPCS Further Notice Federal Register Notice*, 89 Fed. Reg. at 77069-70.