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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE FOR POLE ATTACHMENT ACCESS RULES

WC Docket No. 17-84

On December 13, 2023, the Commission adopted the *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Fourth Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*.¹ In the *Fourth Report and Order*, the Commission adopted rules (1) establishing the Rapid Broadband Assessment Team (RBAT), an intra-agency rapid response team charged with prioritizing and expediting the resolution of pole attachment disputes that impede or delay broadband deployment, and (2) providing communications providers with information about the status of the utility poles they plan to use as they map out their broadband builds.² The Commission stated that these rule changes may contain new or modified information collection requirements and would not become effective until the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) completed its review of any information collection requirements that the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) determined is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act.³ The Commission also directed the Bureau to announce the effective date for the rules by subsequent Public Notice.⁴

On July 2, 2024, OMB approved, for a period of three years, the information collection requirements related to the pole attachment rules contained in the *Fourth Report and Order*. Pursuant to the announcement of effective date subsequently published in the Federal Register, the effective date for section 1.1411(c)(4) and new section 1.1415 of the Commission's rules is July 25, 2024.⁵

For further information regarding the pole attachment rules, contact Michael Ray, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-0357 or Michael.Ray@fcc.gov.

¹ *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WC Docket No. 17-84, Fourth Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 23-109 (December 15, 2023) (*2023 Infrastructure Item*).

² *Id.* at 2-24, paras. 2-38.

³ *Id.* at 38, para. 71 (stating that “the Fourth Report and Order shall become effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register, except that the amendments to section 1.1411(c)(4) and new section 1.1415, 47 CFR §§ 1.1411(c)(4), 1.1415, which may contain new or modified information collection requirements, will not become effective until the Office of Management and Budget completes review of any information collection requirements that the Wireline Competition Bureau determines is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Commission directs the Wireline Competition Bureau to announce the effective date for section 1.1411(c)(4) and new section 1.1415 by subsequent Public Notice.”). The Fourth Report and Order was published in the Federal Register on January 12, 2024. 89 Fed. Reg. 2151 (Jan. 12, 2024).

⁴ *2023 Infrastructure Item* at 38, para. 71.

⁵ 89 Fed. Reg. 60317 (July 25, 2024) (citing 47 CFR §§ 1.1411(c)(4) and 1.1415).