

Date sent: Friday, October 14, 2011
Subject: Comment and Reply Comment Dates Set for NPRM on Next Generation 911

The Commission has established the due dates for comments and reply comments on a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on the development and deployment of Next Generation 911 (NG911) services. NG911 will enable the public to send texts, photos, videos, and other data to 911 call centers. This will:

- allow consumers to communicate with 911 in the same way they communicate with others on a daily basis;
- enhance public safety by giving consumers the ability to text 911 when they cannot make a voice call;
- be particularly beneficial to people with disabilities; and
- provide 911 call centers and first responders with enhanced information that can save lives during emergencies.

The Commission seeks comment on short-term and long-term options for enabling consumers to send texts to 911. It specifically asks about the benefits of SMS text messaging, Internet-based messaging, and real-time text to communicate with 911 centers. As noted above, it also asks about the use of multimedia NG911 technology that would support delivery of photos, videos, and data to 911 call centers, in addition to text.

If you have an opinion about NG911, you should file comments. If you agree or disagree with someone else's comments, you should file reply comments. You do not have to be a lawyer, or use a law firm to file comments.

Comments are due on December 12, 2011 and reply comments are due on January 10, 2012.

Public Notice about the due dates for comments and reply comments

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1012/DA-11-1703A1.doc

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1012/DA-11-1703A1.pdf

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Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

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