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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT
AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO
ADD A DEDICATED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM EVENT CODE FOR BLUE
ALERTS**

PS Docket No. 15-94

Comment Date: July 31, 2017

Reply Comment Date: August 29, 2017

On June 22, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that proposes to amend the Emergency Alert System (EAS) rules to adopt a new EAS event code that will allow the transmission of “Blue Alerts” to the public over the EAS.¹ The NPRM sets deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.²

On June 30, 2017, a summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register.³ Accordingly, comments will be due on or before July 31, 2017, and reply comments on or before August 29, 2017. Complete comment filing instructions are set forth in the NPRM and Federal Register.⁴

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¹ *Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System, Blue Alert NPRM*, PS Docket No. 15-94, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 17-74 (Jun. 22, 2017).

² *Id.*

³ Federal Communications Commission, Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System, 82 Fed. Reg. 29811 (June 30, 2017).

⁴ *Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System, Blue Alert NPRM*, PS Docket No. 15-94, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 17-74 (Jun. 22, 2017); Federal Communications Commission, Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System, 82 Fed. Reg. 29811 (June 30, 2017).