

and now Tribes, with the opportunity to access additional funding through title IV–E to plan, design, develop, implement, and operate a SACWIS. The regulations at 45 CFR 1355.50–1355.57 were established in response to implementing legislation and were issued on December 22, 1993, and did not consider the program needs of Tribal title IV–E agencies.

SACWIS systems are described in detail in program instructions issued by CB. A general program description, and links to statutes, regulations, and other program guidance related to SACWIS can be found at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/systems/sacwis/federal.htm>. Two Action Transmittals that can be found there are of particular interest in understanding SACWIS rules. They are:

- ACF–OISM–001, issued on February 24, 1995, provided the CB’s initial guidance and policy on SACWIS planning, designing, development and implementation.
- ACF–OSS–05, issued on August 21, 1998, provides additional guidance on the implementation and operation of a SACWIS, and supersedes some sections of AT–ACF–OISM–001.

Program Instructions (PI) whose topics may be directly relevant to Tribes include:

- ACYF–CB–PI–09–11, issued on September 17, 2009, describes the Federal Advance Planning Document (APD) regulations that Tribes have to comply with to claim title IV–B and/or title IV–E FFP for child welfare information technology projects, equipment and services.
- ACYF–CB–PI–11–07, issued on July 5, 2011, describes for States and Tribes the changes to the regulations at 45 CFR Part 95 related to the APD process used to obtain approval of FFP for acquiring automated data processing equipment and services.
- ACYF–CB–PI–11–08, issued on July 7, 2011, describes changes regarding the APD waiver process within the Federal regulations at 45 CFR part 95, and offers guidance when requesting a waiver to use a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) software product designed for the title IV–E or title IV–B programs.

Review of these Action Transmittals and PI may help participants pinpoint questions for Federal participants in the education portion of the teleconference. Since the SACWIS regulations were issued 18 years ago, Federal child welfare laws have reflected changes associated with the enactment of several major child welfare legislative initiatives. The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 Public Law 110–351 enabled

Tribal self-governance in child welfare, permitting Tribes to access title IV–E reimbursement directly from the Federal government, rather than working through a State’s IV–E program. As Tribes were awarded title IV–E development grants, staff from their Child Welfare programs expressed interest in acquiring automated technology. It became evident to CB that the SACWIS model might not meet the needs of Tribes.

Our desire to hold a consultation reflects our growing familiarity with the automation needs and preferences of Tribes and our desire to seek ideas about how CB can support title IV–E Tribal agencies build information systems that will support their business needs. CB invites Tribal leaders and their representatives to join in a consultation via teleconference to provide input on the following questions:

*Questions:* Please identify the question to which you are responding. If you have additional comments about SACWIS, please identify them by citing the related section of regulations or program guidance.

(1) What are the obstacles for your Tribe in building a child welfare information system in general and a SACWIS-type system specifically?

(2) What information do you consider critical to managing your child welfare program?

(3) Is there any special information that Tribes need or will need in order to operate child welfare programs funded with title IV–E dollars?

Tribes may also provide written comments through the methods cited in the **ADDRESSES** section, regardless of participation in the teleconference for consultation. Please note that Federal representatives attending the consultation teleconferences will not be able to respond directly during the consultations to questions raised by the participants.

**Authority:** HHS ACF Tribal Consultation Policy.

Dated: December 22, 2011.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 76

[MB Docket No. 11–131; DA 11–2025]

### Revision of the Commission’s Program Carriage Rules

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of reply comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Media Bureau extends the deadline for filing reply comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NPRM”) in this proceeding which was published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 2011. The extension will enable commenters to adequately review and respond to the comments filed in response to the NPRM.

**DATES:** The reply comment period for the proposed rule published September 29, 2011 (76 FR 60675) is extended. Submit reply comments on or before January 11, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit reply comments, identified by MB Docket No. 11–131, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Federal Communications Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) Web site:* <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- *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 TTY: (202) 418–0432.

For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the NPRM.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Order in MB Docket No. 11–131, DA 11–2025, adopted and released on December 15, 2011, which

extends the reply comment deadline established in the NPRM published under FCC No. 11–119 at 76 FR 60675, September 29, 2011. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text may also be purchased from the Commission’s copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street SW., Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554. The full text may also be downloaded at: <http://www.fcc.gov>. Alternative formats are available to persons with disabilities by sending an email to [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (TTY).

#### Summary of the Order

1. On August 1, 2011, the Commission released an NPRM on revisions to the program carriage rules. The NPRM set

deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 60 and 90 days, respectively, after publication of the NPRM in the **Federal Register**. A summary of the NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 2011 (76 FR 60675). Accordingly, the filing dates were initially established as November 28, 2011 for comments and December 28, 2011 for reply comments.

2. On December 13, 2011, the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (“NCTA”), Media Access Project, and Public Knowledge filed a joint request to extend the reply comment deadline by two weeks, until January 11, 2012. They claim that the comments filed in response to the NPRM reflect divergent views and opposing arguments on virtually every issue and note further that the current reply comment deadline falls in the middle of the holiday season. We grant the requested extension. As set forth in Section 1.46 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 CFR 1.46, the Commission’s policy is

that extensions of time for filing comments in rulemaking proceedings shall not be routinely granted. In this case, however, an extension of the reply comment period is warranted to enable commenters to adequately review and respond to the comments filed in response to the NPRM.

3. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that, pursuant to section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), and §§ 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46, the Motion for Extension of Time filed by NCTA, Media Access Project, and Public Knowledge *is granted*, and the deadline to file reply comments in this proceeding is extended to January 11, 2012.

Federal Communications Commission.

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