

consent decree from persons who were not named as parties or intervenors to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines that consent to this consent decree should be withdrawn, the terms of the decree will be affirmed.

## II. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree

### A. How can I get a copy of the consent decree?

The official public docket for this action (identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2012-0597) contains a copy of the proposed consent decree. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). You may use [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, key in the appropriate docket identification number then select "search".

It is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute is not included in the official public docket or in the electronic public docket. EPA's policy is that copyrighted material, including copyrighted material contained in a public comment, will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public

docket. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the EPA Docket Center.

### B. How and to whom do I submit comments?

You may submit comments as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an email address or other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD ROM you submit. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Use of the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, email address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's electronic mail (email) system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an email comment directly to the Docket without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your email address is automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

Dated: July 26, 2012.

**Lorie J. Schmidt,**

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## FARM CREDIT SYSTEM INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Policy Statement Concerning Assistance to Troubled Farm Credit System Institutions

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation.

**ACTION:** Policy statement; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (Corporation or FCSIC) published for comment a draft Policy Statement Concerning Assistance to Troubled Farm Credit System (System) Institutions to replace the Corporation's present Policy Statement Concerning Stand-Alone Assistance. The draft revised policy statement provides additional transparency concerning the Corporation's authority to provide assistance, discusses how the least-cost test might be performed, enhances the criteria of what is to be included in assistance proposals, and adds a new section discussing assistance agreements. We are extending the comment period so that all interested parties will have additional time to provide comments.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 22, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed or delivered to James M. Morris, General Counsel, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, McLean, Virginia 22102. Copies of all comments will be available for examination by interested parties in the offices of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wade Wynn, Senior Risk Analyst, and James M. Morris, General Counsel, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102, (703) 883-4380, TDD (703) 883-4390.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 21, 2012, the FCSIC published for comment a draft Policy Statement Concerning Assistance to Troubled System Institutions to replace the Corporation's present Policy Statement Concerning Stand-Alone Assistance.<sup>1</sup> The FCSIC received several comment letters, including the Farm Credit Council and two System banks requesting that the Corporation extend the comment period by 90 days. Because of the significance and complexity of the issues and the implications associated with providing

<sup>1</sup> See 77 FR 37399.

assistance to troubled System institutions, the commenters have asked the Corporation to extend the comment period to further evaluate the draft policy statement. In view of the comment letters, the FCSIC has decided to extend the comment period by 90 days. The FCSIC supports public involvement and participation in the development of this policy statement and invites all interested parties to review and provide comments.

Dated: July 26, 2012.

**Dale L. Aultman,**

*Secretary to the Board, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[PS Docket No. 11-60; DA 12-1153]

### 9-1-1 Resiliency and Reliability In Wake of, June 29, 2012, Derecho Storm In Central, Mid-Atlantic, and Northeastern United States; Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comment

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) is seeking comment on the background, causes, and restoration efforts related to communications services and facilities impacted directly or indirectly by the storm and after. The FCC also seeks comment on the impact these outages had on the various segments of the public, including consumers, hospitals, and public safety entities. This information will develop the record in the Commission's ongoing examination of issues in the April 2011 Notice of Inquiry (NOI) on the resiliency, reliability and continuity abilities of communications network, including broadband technologies. Comments received in response to this public notice will become part of the record of the NOI.

**DATES:** Comments may be filed in the docket for this proceeding on or before August 17, 2012. Reply comments may be filed on or before September 4, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before August 17, 2012 (comments) and September 4, 2012 (reply comments). Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>. Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St. SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554.

- The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary will be accepted.
- Originals and copies of each official filing must continue to be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. All filings must be submitted without envelopes. See [www.fcc.gov/osec/](http://www.fcc.gov/osec/) for further information on filing instructions.
- Documents sent by overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service (USPS) Express Mail) must be addressed to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- All USPS First Class Mail, Express Mail and Priority Mail should be addressed to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554.
- To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (tty).
- Parties wishing to file materials with a claim of confidentiality should follow the procedures set forth in section 0.459 of the Commission's rules. Casual claims of confidentiality are not accepted. Confidential submissions may not be filed via ECFS but rather should be filed with the Secretary's Office following the procedures set forth in 47 CFR 0.459. Redacted versions of confidential submissions may be filed via ECFS. Parties are advised that the Commission looks with disfavor on claims of confidentiality for entire documents. When a claim of confidentiality is made, a public, redacted version of the document should also be filed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Connelly, Attorney, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and

Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-0132 or [michael.connelly@fcc.gov](mailto:michael.connelly@fcc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Questions Regarding Derecho Impact, Effects, and Restoration Efforts

The Commission poses a series of questions related to the impact of the storm on emergency and 9-1-1 communications accessed by traditional communications networks, broadband communications networks, and wireless communications networks. It also requests comment on the storm's impact on various user groups. The FCC seeks comment on the following issues:

*Causes of Outages.* What were the specific causes of the outages that occurred during or after the storms? Which network elements and components, such as Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) trunks, Internet-Protocol (IP) broadband access lines, databases and PSTN switches, were out of service and for how long? For example, to what extent were issues like powering, physical damage, and power surges contributing factors to the outages? To what extent are there industry best practices that address these, and any other, contributing causes? To what extent were they followed?

In what ways was physical damage due to the storm a major cause of outages? What could be done to improve the resiliency of communications infrastructure in the face of physical damage like what was seen during the storm? Are there actions the communications industry can take to avoid or mitigate these outages in future similar events? Should the FCC take other steps to improve communications resiliency during strong storms like this?

In what ways was the derecho an "extraordinary" event? For example, compared to other types of disasters, did it occur with unusually short notice, affect an unusually large area, and was it unusually intense? How did these factors inhibit service providers in responding to the event and restoring service? How did these factors affect consumers' need for communications services and ability to obtain emergency services? What could be done to better prepare for events like this in the future? Specifically, what actions should communications service providers and PSAPs take to better prepare for similar events in the future?

How did service providers become aware that 9-1-1 outages had occurred? What types of monitoring systems were in place for various types of assets, both in the field and inside buildings? How