

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 3428–205]****Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc.; Notice Granting Extension of Time**

On January 14, 2026, the Commission issued a notice that the Worumbo Hydroelectric Project No. 3428 (project) was ready for environmental analysis and solicited motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions (REA

notice). On January 27, 2026, Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc. (Brown Bear) filed a request to extend the deadlines established in the REA notice by 74 days. Brown Bear states that additional time is needed to complete its ongoing evaluation of fish passage alternatives at the project in consultation with the licensing stakeholders. In support of its request, Brown Bear included correspondence from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the Maine Department of Marine Resources. NMFS and FWS also filed separate letters on January 29, 2026, and

February 3, 2026, respectively, in support of the request to extend the deadlines established in the REA notice.

The information provided by Brown Bear and supported by stakeholders indicates that evaluation of the fish passage alternatives is nearly complete. Because the results of the evaluation could inform Brown Bear's and the stakeholders' responses to the REA notice, this notice extends the deadlines established in the January 14 REA notice by 74 days. Accordingly, the application will be processed according to the schedule below. Revisions to the schedule may be made, as appropriate.

Milestone	Due date
Final amendments	April 28, 2026.
Filing of motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary prescriptions.	May 29, 2026.
Filing a copy of the water quality certification; a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or evidence of a waiver of water quality certification.	May 29, 2026.
Filing of reply comments	July 13, 2026.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1.)

Dated: February 10, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**[FR ID 331150]****Sunshine Act; Open Commission Meeting Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

February 11, 2026.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the

Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC.

While attendance at the Open Meeting is available to the public, the FCC headquarters building is not open access and all guests must check in with and be screened by FCC security at the main entrance on L Street. Attendees at the Open Meeting will not be required to have an appointment but must otherwise comply with protocols outlined at: www.fcc.gov/visit. Open Meetings are streamed live at: www.fcc.gov/live and on the FCC's YouTube channel.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1	WIRELINE COMPETITION	<i>Title:</i> Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization (WC Docket No. 11–42); Bridging the Digital Divide for Low-Income Consumers (WC Docket No. 17–287); Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support (WC Docket No. 09–197); Affordable Connectivity Program (WC Docket No. 21–450); and Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (WC Docket No. 20–445). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on reforms to the Lifeline program to ensure that federal dollars go to eligible Americans, enhance program integrity, ensure that service providers comply with the Commission's rules and regulations, and streamline Lifeline rules.
2	WIRELESS TELE COMMUNICATIONS	<i>Title:</i> Maximizing the Potential of the 900 MHz Band (WT Docket No. 24–99). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Report and Order that would enable broadband deployment on all ten megahertz of the 900 MHz band (896–901/935–940 MHz band), facilitating additional spectrum access by utilities, critical infrastructure, and other enterprises for private wireless broadband deployments that drive innovation and stimulate the American economy.
3	MEDIA	<i>Title:</i> Proposing Application Limit in Upcoming NCE Reserved Band FM Translator Filing Window (MB Docket No. 26–20). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Public Notice to propose and seek comment on eligibility restrictions and a general limit of ten applications filed by any applicant entity in the upcoming 2026 filing window for new noncommercial educational reserved band FM translator stations.
4	WIRELINE COMPETITION	<i>Title:</i> Reforming Legacy Rules for an All-IP Future (WC Docket No. 25–311); and Accelerating Network Modernization (WC Docket No. 25–208).

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		<i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would seek comment on proposed reforms to intercarrier compensation, interexchange services and CAF ICC support aimed at accelerating network deployment and modernization.

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The meeting will be webcast at: www.fcc.gov/live. Open captioning will be provided as well as a text only version on the FCC website. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. In your request, include a description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill. Send an email to: fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530.

Press Access—Members of the news media are welcome to attend the meeting and will be provided reserved seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Following the meeting, the Chairman may hold a news conference in which he will take questions from credentialed members of the press in attendance. Also, senior policy and legal staff will be made available to the press in attendance for questions related to the items on the meeting agenda. Commissioners may also choose to hold press conferences. Press may also direct questions to the Office of Media Relations (OMR): MediaRelations@fcc.gov. Questions about credentialing should be directed to OMR.

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Office of Media Relations, (202) 418-0500. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the internet from the FCC Live web page at www.fcc.gov/live.

Authority: This meeting is held, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94-409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FR ID: 330835]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (“Privacy Act”), this document announces a new computer matching program the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission” or “Agency”) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will conduct with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of Lifeline, and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), both of which are administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC. More information about these programs is provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before March 19, 2026. This computer matching program will commence on March 19, 2026, and will conclude after 18 months.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Shana Yates, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or to Privacy@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shana Yates at (202) 418-0683 or Privacy@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers. Lifeline is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or various Tribal-specific federal assistance programs.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, 2129-36 (2020), Congress

created the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, and directed use of the National Verifier to determine eligibility based on various criteria, including the qualifications for Lifeline (Medicaid, SNAP, etc.). EBBP provided \$3.2 billion in monthly consumer discounts for broadband service and one-time provider reimbursement for a connected device (laptop, desktop computer or tablet). In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429, 1238-44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751-52), Congress modified and extended EBBP, provided an additional \$14.2 billion, and renamed it the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). A household may qualify for the ACP benefit under various criteria, including an individual qualifying for the FCC’s Lifeline program.

In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, (81 FR 33026, May 24, 2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*), the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (“National Verifier”), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 directs the FCC to leverage the National Verifier to verify applicants’ eligibility for ACP. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of Lifeline and ACP applicants and subscribers by determining whether they receive SNAP and Medicaid benefits administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

Participating Agencies: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (source agency); Federal Communications Commission (recipient agency) and Universal Service Administrative Company.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program: The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC’s ACP is 47 U.S.C. 1752(a)–(b). The authority to conduct the matching