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## CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING AND/OR WAIVER OF THE ECOMMERCE INNOVATION ALLIANCE AND OTHER PETITIONERS

CG Docket Nos. 02-278, 21-402

Comment Date: April 10, 2025 Reply Date: April 25, 2025

With this Public Notice, we seek comment on a petition for a declaratory ruling filed by the Ecommerce Innovation Alliance (EIA) and other petitioners regarding whether consumers who provide prior express written consent to receive text messages can claim damages under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act for telemarketing text messages received outside the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.<sup>1</sup> Petitioners also request waiver of section 64.1200(c)(1) of the Commission's rules<sup>2</sup> with regard to mobile phone solicitations made to wireless numbers<sup>3</sup> or, in the alternative, clarification that there is a non-rebuttable assumption that the NPA-NXX is indicative of the called party's location when applied to wireless phone numbers.<sup>4</sup>

We seek comment on this and any other issues raised by the petition.

Comment filing procedures. Pursuant to section 1.2 of the Commission's rules,<sup>5</sup> interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document in CG Docket Nos. 02-278, 21-402. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

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  - Filings can be sent 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Petition for Declaratory Ruling and/or Waiver of the Ecommerce Innovation Alliance and Other Petitioners, CG Docket Nos. 02-278, 21-402, at 8-12 (filed Mar. 3, 2025) (Petition).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 CFR § 64.1200(c)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Petition at 12-17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 18-19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 47 CFR § 1.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
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Additional Information. For further information, contact Mika Savir of the Consumer Policy Division, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418-0384 or mika.savir@fcc.gov.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> *Id.* § 1.1206(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Id.* § 1.49(f).