Federal Communications Commission
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Section 106 Scoping Document Comment Sheet

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You are invited to comment on the Commission's initiative to consider amending the Nationwide Collocation Agreement in order to introduce efficiencies in the review process for deployments of small wireless communications facilities, including Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) and small cell facilities, under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The Commission has previously determined that such small wireless communications facilities typically have limited or no potential for adverse effects on historic properties. The proposed amendment would not apply to deployments on federal or Tribal lands.

The Commission seeks comment on three possible exclusions from Section 106 review, as well as any other proposals for introducing efficiencies into the process without compromising the protection of historic and cultural resources:

1) Exclusion of small deployments on structures that are more than 45 years old if the structure is not historic and not located inside or within 250 feet of the boundary of a historic district, where facilities are restricted to specified size limits and involve no new ground disturbance.
2) Exclusion of minimally visible deployments of small facilities located on historic properties and in historic districts, provided that the deployments meet visibility and size and volume restrictions and involve no new ground disturbance.
3) Exclusion of small facility deployments on historic properties or in historic districts in limited circumstances, regardless of visibility. Possible examples would include deployments on utility poles, light posts, and traffic lights; deployments in utility or communications rights of way; and replacements or modifications of existing facilities that meet size limitations.

Further details on these potential exclusions, as well as filing instructions, are available at http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=60001095915. Comments are due on September 28, 2015.