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Office of Native Affairs and Policy

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission's Office of Native Affairs and Policy.

We are writing to inform you that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the FCC, will conduct nationwide tests of Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) and the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on October 4, 2023. You can find more detailed information on the tests in the **Public Notice** released by the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) on August 3, 2023: https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-23-653A1.pdf

The WEA test will begin at 2:18 pm EDT on October 4, 2023, using the National Alert classification of Alert Message. FEMA will send the test message to members of the public with mobile device service from a Commercial Mobile Service provider that participates in WEA. **All wireless providers that have elected to participate in WEA are required to participate in this nationwide test.**

The EAS test will begin at 2:20 pm EDT on October 4, 2023. All EAS Participants are required to participate in the nationwide EAS test. Furthermore, apart from those exceptions listed in the August 3 **Public Notice**, all EAS Participants must make the following required filings in the Commission's EAS Test Reporting System (ETRS):

- Any EAS Participant that must update ETRS Form One to ensure its accuracy must have submitted the update on or before **September 15, 2023**.
- All EAS Participants must file ETRS Form Two to provide "day of test" data on or before **October 5, 2023**.
- All EAS Participants must file ETRS Form Three to provide detailed post-test data on or before **November 20, 2023.**

You can find information about the WEA and EAS tests on FEMA's page at https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/integrated-public-alert-warning-system/national-test-2023

The August 3 **Public Notice** has additional information about accessing ETRS. Filers can access ETRS by visiting the ETRS page of the Commission's website at https://www.fcc.gov/general/eas-test-reporting-system. Filers may also contact Bureau staff for assistance with ETRS filings at ETRS@fcc.gov. For further information regarding the

nationwide EAS or WEA tests, contact Austin Randazzo, Associate Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Austin.Randazzo@fcc.gov.