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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU REQUESTS COMMENT ON CRANDALL DECLARATION

CC Docket No. 96-98

Comments Due: June 11, 2001

Reply Comments Due: June 25, 2001

On April 30, 2001, the United States Telecom Association (USTA) filed reply comments as requested by the Commission's Public Notice in CC Docket No. 96-98 inviting comment on issues raised in conjunction with the use of unbundled network elements to provide exchange access service.¹ USTA attached to its reply comments a declaration by Robert W. Crandall (Crandall Declaration). We anticipate that some parties may wish to respond to the Crandall Declaration. In order to maintain an orderly record, we invite parties to file comments on the Crandall Declaration by **June 11, 2001**, and reply comments by **June 25, 2001**. These comment and reply comment dates are the same as those we established for response to the Joint Petition of BellSouth Corporation and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., SBC Communications, Inc., and the Verizon Telephone Companies asking the Commission to find that high-capacity loops and dedicated transport should not be subject to mandatory unbundling.² Parties may, at their option, file their comments on the Crandall Declaration in the same document as their comments on the Joint Petition, and likewise may file their reply comments in a single document.

¹ *Comments Sought on the Use of Unbundled Network Elements To Provide Exchange Access Service*, CC Docket No. 96-98, Public Notice, DA 01-169 (rel. Jan. 24, 2001), *extension of time granted, Common Carrier Bureau Grants Motion for Limited Extension of Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments on the Use of Unbundled Network Elements To Provide Exchange Access Service*, CC Docket No. 96-98, Public Notice, DA 01-501 (rel. Feb. 23, 2001).

² *Pleading Cycle Established for Comments on Joint Petition of BellSouth, SBC and Verizon*, CC Docket No. 96-98, Public Notice, DA 01-911 (rel. Apr. 10, 2001), *extension of time granted, Common Carrier Bureau Grants Motion for Extension of Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments on BOC Joint Motion Regarding Unbundled Network Elements*, CC Docket No. 96-98, Public Notice, DA 01-1041 (rel. Apr. 23, 2001).

This matter shall continue to be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s ex parte rules.³ All other requirements discussed in the earlier public notices cited above remain in effect.

For further information, please call Jeremy Miller or Julie Veach, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1580.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.