

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Appropriate Framework for Broadband	)	
Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities	)	CC Docket No. 02-33
	)	
Universal Service Obligations of Broadband	)	
Providers	)	
	)	
Computer III Further Remand Proceedings:	)	CC Docket Nos. 95-20, 98-10
Bell Operating Company Provision of	)	
Enhanced Services; 1998 Biennial Regulatory	)	
Review – Review of Computer III and ONA	)	
Safeguards	)	

**ORDER**

**Adopted: March 22, 2002**

**Released: March 22, 2002**

By the Deputy Chief, Common Carrier Bureau:

Revised Filing Dates:

**Comments Due: May 3, 2002**

**Reply Comments Due: June 3, 2002**

1. On February 15, 2002, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking captioned Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities (*Wireline Broadband NPRM*). The *Wireline Broadband NPRM* stated that interested parties could file comments 45 days after Federal Register publication of the Notice and reply comments 75 days after such publication.<sup>1</sup> On March 22, 2002, the Competitive Telecommunications Association (“CompTel”) filed a petition to extend the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in this proceeding.<sup>2</sup> In its pleading, CompTel requests an

<sup>1</sup> Forty-five days after Federal Register publication of the *Wireline Broadband NPRM* is April 15, 2002, and 75 days after Federal Register publication of the *Wireline Broadband NPRM* is May 14, 2002. 67 Fed Reg. 9232 (Feb. 28, 2002).

<sup>2</sup> *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities; Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers; Computer III Further Remand Proceedings; Bell Operating Company Provision of Enhanced Services; Biennial Regulatory Review of Computer III and ONA Safeguards and Requirements*: CC Docket No. 02-33 and CC Docket Nos. 95-20, 98-10, Request for Extension of Comment Period (March 22, 2002).

extension of time in order to give the parties an opportunity to consider and evaluate the Commission's recent decision classifying high-speed Internet access provided via cable facilities as an "information service,"<sup>3</sup> which CompTel contends "has obvious, and profound, implications that parties will have to address in their comments."

2. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted.<sup>4</sup> In this instance, however, the Bureau finds that CompTel has shown good cause for an extension of the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in this proceeding. Because of the complexity of the issues and the Commission's desire to obtain accurate and complete data, we grant a limited extension so that parties may file comments on **May 3, 2002** and reply comments on **June 3, 2002**. This matter shall continue to be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>5</sup> All other requirements discussed in the *Wireline Broadband NPRM* remain in effect.

3. For further information, please contact Janice M. Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, Policy and Planning Division, 202-418-1580.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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<sup>3</sup> *Inquiry Concerning High-Speed Access to the Internet Over Cable and Other Facilities; Internet Over Cable Declaratory Ruling; Appropriate Regulatory Treatment for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Cable Facilities*, GN Docket No. 00-185 and CS Docket No. 02-52, *Declaratory Ruling and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 02-77 (rel. March 15, 2002).

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* § 1.1206.