

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

In the Matter of)	
)	
Federal-State Joint Board on)	
Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 96-45
)	
Western Wireless Corporation)	
Petition for Clarification or)	
Rulemaking)	

ORDER

Adopted: March 31, 2003

Released: April 1, 2003

By the Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division:

1. On October 15, 1998, Western Wireless Corporation filed the above-captioned Petition for Clarification or Rulemaking to seek clarification or rule changes to address the time lag between the date on which competitive eligible telecommunications carriers submit information on the lines they serve and the date on which support begins to be disbursed, pursuant to Section 54.307(b) the Commissions rules.¹

2. On March 19, 2003, Western Wireless Corporation submitted a request to withdraw the above-captioned petition. We grant the request to withdraw and dismiss the petition.²

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority delegated under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that the request to withdraw the above-captioned Petition for Clarification or Rulemaking IS GRANTED.

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.307(b); Western Wireless Corporation, Petition for Clarification or Rulemaking (filed October 15, 1998).

² Western Wireless Corporation, Request to Withdraw Petition for Clarification or Rulemaking (filed March 19, 2003).

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that the above-captioned Petition for Clarification or Rulemaking of the Commission's rules and regulations IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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