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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON NPCR, INC. D/B/A  
NEXTEL PARTNERS PETITION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**CC Docket No. 96-45**

**Comment Date: 10 days from publication in the Federal Register**  
**Reply Comment Date: 24 days from publication in the Federal Register**

On July 10, 2003, NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners (Nextel Partners) filed with the Commission a petition pursuant to section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to receive federal universal service support for service offered in certain rural and non-rural study areas in the state of Georgia.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, Nextel Partners contends that: 1) the Georgia Public Service Commission has provided an affirmative statement that it does not regulate commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) carriers;<sup>2</sup> 2) Nextel Partners meets all the statutory and regulatory prerequisites for ETC designation;<sup>3</sup> and 3) designating Nextel Partners as an ETC will serve the public interest.<sup>4</sup> The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on the Nextel Partners petition.

<sup>1</sup> See NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners, Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Georgia, filed July 10, 2003 (Nextel Partners Petition). Nextel Partners seeks ETC designation throughout the following rural study areas: Quincy Tel. Co. – GA Div., Bulloch County Rural, Citizens Tel. Co. – GA, Glenwood Tel. Co., Comsouth Telecomm, Interstate Tel. Co., Pembroke Tel. Co., Pineland Tel. Coop, Planters Rural Coop, Plant Tel. Co., Progressive Rural, Public Service Tel. Co., Frontier of GA, Waverly Hall LLC, and Accucom Telecom. Nextel Partners also seeks ETC designation in certain wire centers in the study area of BellSouth, a non-rural carrier.

<sup>2</sup> See *id.* at 4-5; Attachment 2.

<sup>3</sup> See *id.* at 2-6.

<sup>4</sup> See *id.* at 6-8.

We note that Nextel Partners must provide copies of its petition to the Georgia Public Service Commission. The Commission will also send a copy of this Public Notice to the Georgia Public Service Commission by overnight express mail to ensure that the Georgia Public Service Commission is notified of the notice and comment period.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments as follows: comments are due **10 days after publication of the Public Notice in the Federal Register** and reply comments are due **24 days after publication of the Public Notice in the Federal Register**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.<sup>5</sup>

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to <[ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov)>, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room 5-B540, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20054.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

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<sup>5</sup> See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

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