

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

In the Matter of)	
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Developing a Unified Inter-carrier)	
Compensation Regime)	CC Docket No. 01-92
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ORDER

Adopted: May 31, 2005

Released: May 31, 2005

Revised Reply Comment Date: July 20, 2005

By the Acting Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau :

1. On February 10, 2005, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ In the FNPRM, the Commission sought comment on specific proposals for comprehensive intercarrier compensation reform, alternative reform measures, and related issues.² The comment deadline was May 23, 2005 and the reply comment deadline is June 22, 2005.³

2. On May 23, 2005, the Commission received over 3,000 pages of comments from more than 100 parties. Due to the voluminous record received, we are concerned that it may be extremely difficult for parties to review and respond to the comments by the June 22, 2005 reply comment deadline. In the interest of developing a thorough and complete record in this proceeding, the Bureau, on its own motion, hereby extends the reply comment deadline to July 20, 2005. This extension should allow parties adequate time to review and respond to the voluminous record. Further, an extension should help avoid the piecemeal submission of arguments and analysis in the form of *ex parte* submissions after the reply comment deadline. All other filing requirements set forth in the FNPRM remain in effect.⁴

¹ *Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-33 (rel. Mar. 3, 2005) (*Inter-carrier Compensation FNPRM*).

² *Id.*, para. 4. Specifically, the Commission sought comment on the legal and economic bases for the reform proposals, as well as the end-user effects and universal service issues implicated by them. In addition, the Commission sought comment on alternative reform measures, including changes to the existing intercarrier compensation regimes and cost standards. The Commission also sought comment on issues relating to the regulation of transit services and the compensation for traffic exchanged with Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) providers. *Id.*

³ See *Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime*, 70 Fed. Reg. 15030, 15043 (2005).

⁴ See *Inter-carrier Compensation FNPRM*, paras. 214-18.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i) and 303(r), and sections 0.91, 0.204(b), 0.291, 1.45, and 1.415 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.204(b), 0.291, 1.45, and 1.415, the deadline for filing reply comments in response to the FNPRM IS EXTENDED to July 20, 2005.

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