

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

In the Matter of)	
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Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers)	WC Docket No. 05-25
)	
AT&T Corp. Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services)	RM-10593

ORDER

Adopted: June 28, 2005

Released: June 28, 2005

Revised Reply Comment Date: July 29, 2005

By the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. On January 31, 2005, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ In the NPRM, the Commission commenced a broad examination of the regulatory framework to apply to price cap local exchange carriers' (LECs) interstate special access services after June 30, 2005. In conducting this examination, the Commission sought comment on the special access regulatory regime that should follow the expiration of the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service (CALLS) plan, including whether to maintain or modify the Commission's pricing flexibility rules for special access services.² The comment deadline was June 13, 2005 and the reply comment deadline is July 12, 2005.³

2. CompTel/ALTS and the United States Telecom Association (USTA) (together, the Petitioners) filed motions with the Commission, requesting a seventeen-day extension of the deadline for filing reply comments.⁴ The Petitioners explain that the requested extension would allow all parties the

¹ *Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corp. Petition for Rulemaking to Reform of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-18 (rel. Jan. 31, 2005) (*Special Access NPRM*).

² *Id.*, para. 1.

³ See *Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corp. Petition for Rulemaking to Reform of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, 70 Fed. Reg. 19381 (2005).

⁴ See *CompTEL/ALTS Request for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593 (filed June 23, 2005); *United States Telecom Association Motion for Extension of Time*, WC Docket No. 05-25 (filed June 24, 2005).

opportunity to better evaluate, and respond to, the complex economic analyses offered by many commenters in this proceeding. On June 13, 2005, the Commission received more than 2,000 pages of comments from multiple parties, many of which contained data submissions and economic analyses. Moreover, there was approximately a one-week delay before all of the comments were available on the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). USTA claims that the delay in posting all of the initial comments on the Commission's website favors an extension and contends that this modest extension of time would not prejudice any party.

3. We hereby grant the motions for extensions of time. We agree with the Petitioners that, due to the voluminous and complex nature of the record, it may be difficult for the parties to review and respond to the comments by the July 12, 2005 deadline. In the interest of developing a thorough and complete record in this proceeding, the Bureau grants the Petitioners' requests, and hereby extends the reply comment deadline to July 29, 2005. This extension should allow parties adequate time to review and respond to the record in this proceeding. All other filing requirements set forth in the NPRM remain in effect.⁵

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 4(i), 4(j), and 303(r) of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 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 NPRM IS EXTENDED to July 29, 2005.

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⁵ See *Special Access NPRM*, paras. 147-51.