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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITIONS REQUESTING WAIVER OF VARIOUS FILING DEADLINES RELATED TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM

CC Docket No. 96-45

Comment Date: December 2, 2005

Reply Comment Date: December 9, 2005

Interested parties are invited to comment on petitions filed by the following telecommunications carriers seeking waivers of various filing deadlines associated with the receipt of universal service support pursuant to the Commission's rules.

| Petitioner | Rule | Date Filed |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. | 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d) | 4/29/05 |
| Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership | 47 C.F.R. § 54.307 | 7/29/05 |
| Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. | 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314 | 8/3/05 |
| Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative | 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314 | 10/24/05 |
| Dixon Telephone Company | 47 C.F.R. § 54.301(b) | 10/26/05 |
| Lexcom Telephone Company | 47 C.F.R. § 54.301(b) | 10/28/05 |
| Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri | 47 C.F.R. § 54.301(b) | 10/28/05 |

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 on or before **December 2, 2005**, and reply comments on or before **December 9, 2005**. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket No. 96-45**. Comments may be filed using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies.¹

¹ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.² 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, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." 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 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 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

-All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

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In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to each of the following:

- (1) The Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554; website: www.bcpweb.com; phone: 1-800-378-3160;
- (2) Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th

² Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Federal eRulemaking Portal website for submitting comments.

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- (3) Gina Spade, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B540, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: gina.spade@fcc.gov.

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. For further information, contact Gina Spade, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7105 or TTY (202) 418-0484 .