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## **PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR PETITION FOR RULEMAKING OF FIBERTECH NETWORKS, LLC**

**RM-11303**

**Comments Due: January 13, 2006**  
**Reply Comments Due: January 31, 2006**

On December 7, 2005, Fibertech Networks, LCC (Fibertech) filed a petition for rulemaking requesting the Commission to foster continued construction of competitive last-mile facilities by adopting a set of “best practices” addressing competitor access to poles and conduct.

Specifically, Fibertech asks the Commission to adopt the following standard practices for pole and conduit access:

1. Allow use of boxing and extension arms where:
  - a. such techniques would render unnecessary a pole replacement or rearrangement of electric facilities;
  - b. facilities on the pole are accessible by ladder or bucket truck; and
  - c. the pole owner has previously allowed such techniques.
2. Establish shorter survey and make-ready time periods.
3. Allow competitors to hire utility-approved contractors to perform field surveys and make-ready work.
4. Permit installation of drop lines to satisfy customer service orders without prior licensing.
5. Allow competitors to search utility records and survey manholes to determine availability of conduit, and limit charges if the utility performs these functions.
6. Allow utility-approved contractors to work in manholes without utility supervision.

7. Require incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) to share building-entry conduit with competitive LECs.

Adoption of these practices will allow and encourage continued construction of facilities-based alternatives to ILEC loops by Fibertech and other competitive carriers.

This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of Fibertech's petition. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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 **January 13, 2006** and reply comments on or before **January 31, 2006**. All filings should refer to **RM-11303**. 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. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers 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, filers should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
- Paper Filers: 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, filers 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). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110,

Washington, DC 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, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Janice Myles, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5-C140, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, or by e-mail to [janice.myles@fcc.gov](mailto:janice.myles@fcc.gov). Parties must also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

Documents in **RM-11303** are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

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