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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR PETITION OF CORE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR FORBEARANCE FROM SECTIONS 251(g) AND 254(g) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS
ACT AND IMPLEMENTING RULES**

WC Docket No. 06-100

COMMENTS DUE: June 5, 2006
REPLY COMMENTS DUE: June 26, 2006

By this Public Notice, we seek comment on a petition filed April 27, 2006 by Core Communications, Inc. (“Core”) asking the Commission to forbear pursuant to section 160(c) of the Communications Act, as amended, from rate regulation preserved by section 251(g) of the Act and related implementing rules.¹ Specifically, Core requests that the Commission forbear from (i) section 251(g) and its implementing rules “to the extent they apply to or regulate the rate for compensation for switched ‘exchange access, information access, and exchange services for such access to interexchange carriers and information service providers’ pursuant to state and federal access charge rules” and (ii) “any limitation, by [Commission] rule or otherwise, on the scope of section 251(b)(5) that is implied from section 251(g) preserving receipt of switched access charges.”² In addition, Core asks the Commission to forbear from the rate averaging and integration requirements contained in section 254(g) of the Act and its implementing rules.³ Core requests that the Commission apply the forbearance requested in its petition to all telecommunications carriers such that grant of its petition would subject these carriers to section 251(b)(5) of the Act for rate setting purposes.⁴

Interested parties may file comments on or before **June 5, 2006**, and reply comments on or before **June 26, 2006**. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁵ Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via

¹ *Petition of Core Communications, Inc. for Forbearance under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Rate Regulation Pursuant to § 251(g) and for Forbearance from Rate Averaging and Integration Regulation Pursuant to § 254(g)*, WC Docket No. 06-100, at 1-2 (filed Apr. 27, 2006) (Core Forbearance Petition); *see also* 47 U.S.C. §§ 160 (c).

² Core Forbearance Petition at 2; *see also* 47 U.S.C. §§ 251(b)(5), 251(g).

³ Core Forbearance Petition at 1-2; *see also* 47 U.S.C. § 254(g).

⁴ Core Forbearance Petition at 1; *see also* 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(5).

⁵ *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of the proceeding, 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, in this case, **WC Docket No. 06-100**. 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.

Paper 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). **Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using the Commission's ECFS.**

The Commission's contractor, Natek, 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 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Victoria Goldberg, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5-A266, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to Victoria.Goldberg@fcc.gov. Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

Documents in **WC Docket No. 06-100** will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. S.W., 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.

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This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the

Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁶ 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.⁷ Other requirements pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁸

For further information, contact Victoria Goldberg of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7353.

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⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁷ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).