

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

In the Matter of)	
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High-Cost Universal Service Support)	WC Docket No. 05-337
)	
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 96-45
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ORDER

Adopted: June 12, 2007

Released: June 12, 2007

Revised Filing Date:

Reply Comments Due: June 21, 2007

By the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. On May 14, 2007, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on a recommendation of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board) that the Commission impose an interim cap on the amount of high-cost universal service support that competitive eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) may receive.¹ On May 23, 2007, a summary of the *Notice* appeared in the Federal Register, setting a comment cycle of June 6, 2007 for comments and June 13, 2007 for reply comments.² On June 11, 2007, motions for extension of the reply comment deadline were filed by the Rural Cellular Association and the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers,³ and by United States Cellular Corporation and Rural Cellular Corporation.⁴ The parties seeking the extension assert that the extension would provide commenters sufficient time to provide substantive input in response to the comments filed on June 6, 2007.⁵

2. We note that it is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.⁶ The parties seeking an extension indicate that they require additional time to analyze the numerous comments filed in the proceeding and note that some commenters have been engaged in preparation of written testimony before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 07-88 (rel. May 14, 2007) (*Notice*); *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, Recommended Decision, FCC 07J-1 (Fed.-State Jt. Bd., rel. May 1, 2007).

² See 72 Fed. Reg. 28936.

³ Rural Cellular Association and Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers Motion for Extension of Time, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed June 11, 2007) (RCA/ARCC Motion).

⁴ United States Cellular Corporation and Rural Cellular Corporation Motion for Extension of Time, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed June 11, 2007) (USCC/RCC Motion).

⁵ RCA/ARCC Motion at 2-3; USCC/RCC Motion at 2-3.

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

Transportation, which was scheduled for today.⁷ We find that good cause exists to provide parties an extension of time. We find that an extension of the reply comment deadline in this proceeding is appropriate under the circumstances. The deadline for filing reply comments in response to the *Notice* is extended from June 13, 2007 to June 21, 2007.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, the pleading cycle established in this matter shall be modified as follows:

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⁷ RCA/ARCC Motion at 2; USCC/RCC Motion at 2.