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

In the Matter of

Request for Review by Centennial Communications Corp. of Decision of the Universal Service Administrator

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  )  CC Docket No. 96-45
Multi-Assocation Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers  )  CC Docket No. 00-256

ORDER

Adopted:  August 1, 2007  Released:  August 1, 2007

Revised Filing Date:  Reply Comments Due:  August 31, 2007

By the Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. On June 27, 2007, the Commission released a Public Notice seeking comment on a request filed by Centennial Communications Corp. (Centennial) seeking review and reversal of a decision by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), regarding the “true-up” of interstate common line support (ICLS) universal service payments disbursed to Centennial Puerto Rico in 2004. The Public Notice set a comment cycle of July 27, 2007 for comments and August 13, 2007 for reply comments. On June 29, 2007, Centennial filed a motion for extension of the reply comment deadline. Centennial asserts that the extension would relieve an unreasonable burden on its counsel and provide it sufficient time to provide substantive input in response to the comments filed on July 27, 2007.

2. We note that it is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted. Centennial indicates that its counsel will be out of the country with no access to the Internet or e-mail, and only limited access to telephone service, from July 28 through and including August 13, 2007, in order to provide comments in this proceeding.

1 Comment Sought on Centennial Communications Corp. ’s Request for Review of a Decision by the Universal Service Administrative Company and, in alternative, Request for Waiver, and Request to Suspend Recovery, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 00-256, Public Notice, DA 07-2843 (Wireline Comp. Bur., June 27, 2007) (Public Notice); Centennial Communications Corp. Request for Review and, in the Alternative, Request for Waiver, and Request to Suspend Recovery, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 00-256, 2 (filed May 25, 2007).

2 Public Notice at 1.

3 Centennial Communications Corp. Motion for Extension of Time, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 00-256 (filed June 29, 2007) (Centennial Motion).

4 Id. at 1-2.

5 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).
and that the existing reply comment deadline would impose an unreasonable burden on Centennial by forcing it to rely on substitute counsel to respond to any comments filed.\(^6\) Centennial also notes that the additional time will prove useful to analyze any new arguments that might appear in the comments.\(^7\) We find that good cause exists to provide an extension of time, and 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 *Public Notice* is extended from August 13, 2007 to August 31, 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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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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\(^6\) Centennial Motion at 1.

\(^7\) *Id.* at 2.