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**THE WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON A PETITION BY  
DOBSON CELLULAR SYSTEMS, INC. AND AMERICAN CELLULAR CORPORATION TO  
REDEFINE THE SERVICE AREAS OF CERTAIN RURAL INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE  
CARRIERS IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

**CC Docket No. 96-45**

**Release Date: February 12, 2007**

**Comment Date: February 26, 2007**

**Reply Comment Date: March 5, 2007**

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed by Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. and American Cellular Corporation pursuant to section 54.207 of the Commission's rules, requesting the Commission's agreement with the decision of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (Oklahoma Commission) to redefine the service areas of certain rural telephone companies in Oklahoma at the wire center level.<sup>1</sup>

Section 54.207 of the Commission's rules, which implements section 214(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, provides that a rural telephone company's service area will be its study area "unless and until the Commission and the states, after taking into account the recommendations of a Federal-State Joint Board instituted under section 410(c), establish a different definition of service area for such company."<sup>2</sup>

This is the Public Notice required by section 54.207(c)(2) of the Commission's rules.<sup>3</sup> If the Commission initiates a proceeding to consider the Petition, it must do so within 90 days of the release date of this Public Notice, pursuant to our rules.<sup>4</sup> If the Commission does not act on the Petition by **May**

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<sup>1</sup> See Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. and American Cellular Corporation Petition for Agreement with Redefinition of the Service Areas of Certain Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers in the State of Oklahoma, CC Docket No. 96-45, (filed Jan. 29, 2007).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(b); see also 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(5).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(c)(2).

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(c)(3).

**14, 2007**, the definition proposed by the Oklahoma Commission will be deemed approved by the Commission and shall take effect in accordance with state procedures.<sup>5</sup>

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 **February 26, 2007**, and reply comments on or before **March 5, 2007**. 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.<sup>6</sup>

- **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, 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, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20554.

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<sup>5</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(c)(3)(ii). The Commission delegated its authority to act on petitions to redefine rural service areas to the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(e).

<sup>6</sup> See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 2412 (1998).

**You may submit comments, identified by the above noted docket number, by any of the following methods:**

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Federal Communications Commission's Web Site: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- People with Disabilities: Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by e-mail: [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or phone: 202-418-0530 or TTY: 202-418-0432.

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- (1) The Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, [www.bcpweb.com](http://www.bcpweb.com); phone: (202) 488-5300 fax: (202) 488-5563;
- (2) Vickie Robinson, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B550, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [vickie.robinson@fcc.gov](mailto:vickie.robinson@fcc.gov); and
- (3) David Duarte, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5B-441, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [david.duarte@fcc.gov](mailto:david.duarte@fcc.gov).

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This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>7</sup> Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentation 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.<sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</sup>

For further information, please contact Vickie Robinson, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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<sup>7</sup>47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

<sup>8</sup>See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

<sup>9</sup>47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).