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COMMENT SOUGHT ON QWEST REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF A DECISION OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY CONCERNING AUDIT FINDINGS RELATING TO THE LOW-INCOME PROGRAM

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 03-109

Comment Date: June 16, 2008
Reply Comment Date: July 1, 2008

On April 25, 2008, Qwest Communications International Inc. (Qwest) filed a request for review of certain Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) audit findings.¹ Qwest seeks review of USAC's finding that an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) must use Line 9 of FCC Form 497 if the ETC gains or loses Lifeline customers mid-month.² Qwest asks the Commission to find that USAC erred when it concluded that Qwest is required to populate Line 9 of the FCC Form 497 with partial or pro-rata dollars attributable to Lifeline subscribers who entered or left the Lifeline program during any given month.³ Qwest also asks the Commission to find that USAC erred when it concluded that Qwest is inappropriately seeking enhanced Lifeline support for customers that do not reside on tribal lands.⁴ Finally, Qwest asks the Commission to review USAC's conclusion that Qwest has failed to retain customer certifications in accordance with section 54.417(a) of the Commission's rules.⁵

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on the Qwest Petition. Interested parties may file **comments on or before June 16, 2008** and **reply comments on or before July 1, 2008**. All

¹ Request for Review by Qwest Communications International, Inc. of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator, WC Docket No. 03-109 (filed Apr. 25, 2008) (Qwest Petition).

² See Qwest Petition at 3-6. FCC Form 497 is used by ETCs to request reimbursement for participating in the federal low-income universal service programs. See Instructions for Lifeline and Link Up Worksheet, OMB 3060-0819 (October 2000) (FCC Form 497); see also http://www.usac.org/_res/documents/li/pdf/497i_Oct2000.pdf (retrieved Apr. 30, 2008).

³ See Qwest Petition at 3-6.

⁴ See *id.* at 6-9.

⁵ See *id.* at 10-11; see also 47 C.F.R. § 54.417(a).

comments filed must reference **WC Docket No. 03-109**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁶

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- 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, 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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- (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; phone: 202-488-5300 fax: 202-488-5563; and
- (2) Antoinette Stevens, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5B-521, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: antoinette.stevens@fcc.gov; and

⁶ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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

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⁷ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁸ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).