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COMMENT SOUGHT ON FORT HEALTHCARE - FORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, FORT HEALTHCARE - LAKE MILLS CLINIC, FORT HEALTHCARE - WHITEWATER CLINIC, AND FRANCISCAN SKEMP WAUKON CLINIC'S REQUESTS FOR REVIEW OF DECISIONS BY THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

WC Docket No. 02-60

Release Date: May 30, 2008

Comment Date: June 30, 2008

Reply Comment Date: July 14, 2008

On May 15, 2008, Fort HealthCare—Fort Memorial Hospital, Fort HealthCare—Lake Mills Clinic, and Fort HealthCare—Whitewater Clinic, (collectively, Fort HealthCare) filed a request seeking review of decisions of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), in which USAC denied Fort HealthCare's funding requests for Funding Year 2006 under the rural health care support mechanism.¹ In its request, Fort HealthCare asserts that USAC erroneously calculated the amount of funding due Fort HealthCare by doubling the proposed urban rates, which substantially reduced or eliminated Fort HealthCare's rural health care support.²

On May 15, 2008, Franciscan Skemp Waukon Clinic (Waukon Clinic) filed a request seeking review of a USAC decision in which USAC denied Waukon Clinic's funding request for Funding Years 2005 and 2006 under the rural health care support mechanism due to violations of the competitive bidding rules.³ In its request, Waukon Clinic asserts that it appropriately adhered to the "purpose of the competitive bidding requirement by ensuring that its contract...is competitively priced for the type of service rendered."⁴

¹ Letter from Curt F. Pawlisch, Fort HealthCare – Fort Memorial Hospital, Fort HealthCare – Lake Mills Clinic, and Fort HealthCare – Whitewater Clinic, to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed May 15, 2008) (Fort HealthCare Request for Review).

² See Fort HealthCare Request for Review at 1.

³ Letter from Curt F. Pawlisch, Franciscan Skemp Waukon Clinic, to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed May 15, 2008) (Waukon Clinic Request for Review). See 47 C.F.R. § 54.603.

⁴ See Waukon Clinic Request for Review at 3.

Interested parties may file comments on or before **June 30, 2008**, and reply comments on or before **July 14, 2008**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 02-60**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.⁵

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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.
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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;
- (2) Erica Myers, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A340, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Erica.Myers@fcc.gov and

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

(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.

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For further information, please contact Erica Myers, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-2429 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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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).