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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON LEVEL 3'S EMERGENCY
PETITION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS
IN AREA CODE 603**

WC Docket No. 08-154

Comments Due: August 25, 2008

Reply Comments Due: September 10, 2008

On July 18, 2008, Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3) filed an emergency petition to obtain additional telephone numbers in the 603 area code.¹ The Level 3 petition requests that the Commission direct the North American Numbering Plan Administrator to assign additional telephone numbers in the 603 area code where Level 3 meets the industry guidelines of 75 percent utilization and six months or less until projected exhaust.²

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations 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. See 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b). 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, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Interested parties may file comments on the Level 3 petition on or before **August 25, 2008** and

¹ Emergency Petition of Level 3 Communications, LLC, for the Assignment of Additional Telephone Numbers in Area Code 603, and for the Preemption of the Actions of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Pursuant to Section 253 of the Communications Act of 1934 (filed July 18, 2008) (Level 3 Petition). On this same date, Level 3 also filed a request for a Special Temporary Authorization of numbering resources in area code 603, pending resolution of its emergency petition. See Request of Level 3 Communications, LLC for Special Temporary Authorization of Thousand-Blocks in Area Code 603 (filed July 18, 2008). By separate public notice, the Bureau also seeks comment on that request. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment on Level 3's Request for Special Temporary Authorization of Thousand-Block Codes in Area Code 603*, WC Docket No. 08-154, Public Notice, DA 08-1731 (rel. Jul. 24, 2008).

² Level 3 Petition at 3.

reply comments on or before **September 10, 2008**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 08-154**. 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.³

- **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, 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, NE, 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, SW, Washington DC 20554.

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Parties should also send a copy of their filings to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline

³ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, or by e-mail to CPDcopies@fcc.gov. Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

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