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COMMENT SOUGHT ON AT&T 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: October 17, 2008

Reply Comment Date: November 3, 2008

On August 18, 2008, AT&T Inc. (AT&T) filed a request for review of certain Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) audit findings.¹ AT&T seeks review of USAC's findings that AT&T: (1) was required to maintain copies of Lifeline subscriber self-certifications prior to the effective date of the Commission's applicable rule;² (2) failed to comply with the Commission's rule requiring eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) to secure Lifeline-compliance certifications from their resellers;³ (3) was required to advertise toll blocking and all other services supported by federal universal service support mechanisms;⁴ and (4) was required to populate Line 9 of FCC Form 497 (the Lifeline and Link-Up Worksheet) with pro-rata dollars attributable to Lifeline subscribers that entered or exited the Lifeline program mid-month.⁵

Interested parties may file **comments on or before October 17, 2008**, and **reply comments on or before November 3, 2008**. All 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

¹ Request for Review by AT&T Inc. of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator, WC Docket No. 03-109 (filed Aug. 18, 2008) (AT&T Petition).

² See AT&T Petition at 8-10; see also 47 C.F.R. § 54.417.

³ See AT&T Petition at 11-13; see also 47 C.F.R. § 54.417(a).

⁴ See AT&T Petition at 13-14; see also 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.401(a), 54.405(b).

⁵ See AT&T Petition at 15-18. 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 (July 2008) (FCC Form 497) at <http://www.usac.org/res/documents/li/pdf/Form-497-instructions-FY2008.pdf> (retrieved Aug. 22, 2008).

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

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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.

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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

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For further information, please contact Elizabeth Valinoti McCarthy, 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).