

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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High-Cost Universal Service Support)	WC Docket No. 05-337
)	
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 96-45
)	
Lifeline and Link Up)	WC Docket No. 03-109
)	
Universal Service Contribution Methodology)	WC Docket No. 06-122
)	
Numbering Resource Optimization)	CC Docket No. 99-200
)	
Implementation of the Local Competition)	
Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	CC Docket No. 96-98
)	
Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation)	
Regime)	CC Docket No. 01-92
)	
Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic)	CC Docket No. 99-68
)	
IP-Enabled Services)	WC Docket No. 04-36

ORDER

Adopted: December 2, 2008

Released: December 2, 2008

Revised Filing Date:

Reply Comment Date: December 22, 2008

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. The Commission has received motions for extension of time to file reply comments in the above-captioned proceedings from the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) and the Rural Cellular Association (RCA).¹ Reply comments in these proceedings are due on

¹ See Motion for Extension of Time for Reply Comments by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 99-200, 96-98, 01-92, 99-68, WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 03-109, 06-122, 04-36 (filed Nov. 28, 2008) (NASUCA Motion for Extension); Motion of the Rural Cellular Association for Extension of Time, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 99-200, 96-98, 01-92, 99-68, WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 03-109, 06-122, 04-36 (filed Nov. 26, 2008) (RCA Motion for Extension).

December 3, 2008.²

2. NASUCA requests a three week extension of time.³ RCA requests a two week extension of time.⁴ Both parties cite the volume of comments, the federal holiday the day after the comments were due, the length of the document upon which the public may comment, and the complexity of the issues presented as reasons for the Commission to grant the requests.⁵

3. We note that it is the policy of the Commission that motions for extension of time shall not be routinely granted.⁶ In the *Comprehensive Reform Order and FNPRM* the Commission is seeking comment on matters that have been extensively briefed by interested parties since these proceedings began.⁷ However, given the volume of comments to which parties are responding, the complexity of the issues involved, and the intervening holidays, we find that good cause exists to provide all parties an extension of time from December 3, 2008 to December 22, 2008 for filing reply comments in these proceedings.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to Sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c) and Sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, reply comments in these proceedings shall be filed on or before December 22, 2008.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion for Extension of Time for Reply Comments by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and the Motion for Extension of Time filed by the Rural Cellular Association ARE GRANTED, as set forth herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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² See *Comment Dates Established for Comprehensive Intercarrier Compensation and Universal Service Fund Reform Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 99-200, 96-98, 01-92, 99-68, WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 03-109, 06-122, 04-36, Public Notice, DA 08-2486 (WCB rel. Nov. 12, 2008).

³ See NASUCA Motion for Extension at 3.

⁴ See RCA Motion for Extension at 3.

⁵ See, e.g., NASUCA Motion for Extension at 2-3; RCA Motion for Extension at 2-3.

⁶ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

⁷ See generally *High Cost Universal Service Support, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link Up, Universal Service Contribution Methodology, Numbering Resource Optimization, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, IP-Enabled Services*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 99-200, 96-98, 01-92, 99-68, WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 03-109, 06-122, 04-36, Order on Remand and Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 08-262 (rel. Nov. 5, 2008) (*Comprehensive Reform Order and FNPRM*).