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**Comment Cycles Established for Commission's Notices of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding the Identical Support Rule, the Use of Reverse Auctions to Set High-Cost Universal Service Support, and the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service's Recommendations for Comprehensive Reform of High-Cost Universal Service Support**

**WC Docket No. 05-337**

**CC Docket No. 96-45**

On January 29, 2008, the Commission released the following Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (collectively, Notices) regarding the high-cost universal service support program:

*Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 08-4 (rel. Jan. 29, 2008) (Identical Support Rule NPRM)*

*Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 08-5 (rel. Jan. 29, 2008) (Reverse Auctions NPRM)*

*Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 08-22 (rel. Jan. 29, 2008) (Joint Board Comprehensive Reform NPRM)*

The Commission set the comment and reply comment deadlines for each of these Notices as 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of summaries of the Notices in the Federal Register. On March 4, 2008, summaries of the Notices appeared in the Federal Register.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, **comments will be due on April 3, 2008, and reply comments will be due on May 5, 2008.**

For comment filing requirements, please consult the Notices.<sup>2</sup> Because each of the Notices is docketed in both CC Docket No. 96-45 and WC Docket No. 05-337, parties may file consolidated comments and reply comments in response to the three Notices. For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Ted Burmeister, Wireline Competition Bureau, at 202-418-7389.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Identical Support Rule NPRM*, 73 Fed. Reg. 11580; *Reverse Auctions NPRM*, 73 Fed. Reg. 11591; *Joint Board Comprehensive Reform NPRM*, 73 Fed. Reg. 11587.

<sup>2</sup> See *Identical Support Rule NPRM*, at paras. 30-32; *Reverse Auctions NPRM*, at paras. 55-56; *Joint Board Comprehensive Reform NPRM*, at paras. 13-15.