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COMMENT SOUGHT ON REQUEST TO MERGE PENNSYLVANIA RURAL HEALTH CARE PILOT PROGRAM PROJECTS

WC Docket No. 02-60

Comment Date: May 20, 2009

Reply Comment Date: May 27, 2009

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a request to merge two participants in the universal service Rural Health Care Pilot Program (RHC Pilot Program), Juniata Valley Network (JVN) and Pennsylvania Mountains Healthcare Resource Development (PMHRD).¹ JVN is a consortium of health care providers serving the Appalachian region of Pennsylvania.² PMHRD is the fiduciary agent for the Pennsylvania Mountains Healthcare Alliance (PMHA),³ a consortium of health care providers also serving the Appalachian region of Pennsylvania.⁴ JVN and PMHRD wish to merge their respective projects and designate PMHRD as successor to JVN's RHC Pilot Program project.⁵

Interested parties may file **comments on or before May 20, 2009**, and **reply comments on or before May 27, 2009**. 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.⁶

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.

¹ Letter from Charles E. Giffin, Pennsylvania Mountains Healthcare Resource Development, and Kay Hamilton, Juniata Valley Network, and Ronald M. Cowan, Juniata Valley Network, to Daniel Johnson, USAC, WC Docket No. 02-60 (dated Mar. 30, 2009) (March 30 Letter).

² Juniata Valley Network Application, WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed May 7, 2007).

³ See Pennsylvania Mountains Healthcare Alliance, Pennsylvania Mountains Healthcare Alliance – Quarterly Data Report, WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed July 30, 2008); Pennsylvania Mountains Healthcare Alliance, PMHRD, <http://www.pmhalliance.org/extra/PMHRD/tabid/61/Default.aspx> (last visited Apr. 20, 2009).

⁴ Pennsylvania Mountains Healthcare Alliance Application, WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed May 7, 2007).

⁵ March 30 Letter at 1.

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

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- 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;
- (2) Jamie Susskind, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A226, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Jamie.Susskind@fcc.gov; and
- (3) Antoinette Stevens, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B521, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Antoinette.Stevens@fcc.gov.

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For further information, please contact Jamie Susskind, 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).