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COMMENT SOUGHT ON THE PETITION OF HURON MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS CO. FOR WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES TO PARTICIPATE IN NECA POOLS AND TARIFFS AND TO OBTAIN ACCELERATED UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

CC Docket No. 96-45

Comment Date: August 20, 2009

Reply Comment Date: September 4, 2009

On April 20, 2009, Huron Mountain Communications Co. (Huron) filed a petition for waiver of the Commission's rules to participate in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) pools and to obtain accelerated universal service support.¹ Specifically, Huron requests: 1) waiver of the definition of "telephone company" in sections 69.2(hh) and 69.601 of the Commission's rules, and of the annual election filing deadline in section 69.3(e)(6) of the Commission's rules to allow Huron to become a member of NECA and to immediately participate in NECA pools and tariffs; 2) a declaratory ruling that a waiver of the definition of "study area" in the Appendix-Glossary of Part 36 of the Commission's rules is not necessary; 3) waiver of sections 36.611 and 36.612 of the Commission's rules to allow Huron to receive accelerated high-cost loop support; 4) waiver of the state universal service fund certification deadlines set forth in section 54.314(d) of the Commission's rules; and 5) waiver of data filing deadlines set forth in sections 54.301(b) and 54.903(a) of the Commission's rules.² Huron intends to provide telecommunications services to an unserved area located in the upper peninsula of the state of Michigan.³

Interested parties may file **comments on or before August 20, 2009**, and **reply comments on or before September 4, 2009**. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket No. 96-45**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.⁴

- 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 Huron Mountain Communications Co., Petition for Waivers of the Commission's Rules to Participate in NECA Pools and Tariffs and to Obtain Accelerated Universal Service Fund Support, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed Apr. 20, 2009) (Petition); 47 C.F.R. Part 36 App. (defining "study area").

² See Petition at 1-2; 47 C.F.R. §§ 69.2(hh), 69.601, 69.3(e)(6), Part 36 App.; 36.611-12, 54.314(d), 54.301(b), and 54.903(a).

³ See Petition at 3.

⁴ 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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The Commission’s contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., 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, S.W., Washington D.C. 20554.

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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) Gary Seigel, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C408, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Gary.Seigel@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 Gary Seigel, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁶ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).