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**COMMENT SOUGHT ON THE NATIONAL CABLE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ASSOCIATION PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO REDUCE UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH-
COST SUPPORT PROVIDED TO CARRIERS IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS EXTENSIVE
UNSUBSIDIZED FACILITIES-BASED VOICE COMPETITION**

**GN Docket No. 09-51
WC Docket No. 05-337
RM-11584**

**Comment Date: January 7, 2010
Reply Comment Date: January 22, 2010**

On November 5, 2009, the National Cable and Telecommunications Association (NCTA) filed a petition for rulemaking proposing new rules for universal service high-cost support.¹ Specifically, NCTA proposes that the Commission establish procedures to reduce the amount of universal service high-cost support provided to carriers in those areas of the country where there is extensive, unsubsidized facilities-based voice competition and where government subsidies no longer are needed to ensure that service will be made available to consumers.² The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on NCTA's petition.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file **comments on or before January 7, 2010 and reply comments on or before January 22, 2010**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 05-337, GN Docket No. 09-51, and RM-11584**. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

¹ See 47 C.F.R § 1.401; National Cable & Telecommunications Association, Reducing Universal Service Support in Geographic Areas that are Experiencing Unsupported Facilities-Based Competition, Petition for Rulemaking, GN Docket No. 09-51 and WC Docket No. 05-337 (filed Nov. 5, 2009) (Petition).

² See Petition at 1.

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁴ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).