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## COMMENT SOUGHT ON THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PETITION FOR WAIVER OF A UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH-COST FILING DEADLINE

WC Docket No. 08-71

Comment Date: December 29, 2009 Reply Comment Date: January 5, 2010

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed by the Georgia Public Service Commission (GPSC) seeking waiver of a filing deadline required by section 54.314(d)(1) of the Commission's rules for receipt of universal service funds.<sup>1</sup>

Interested parties may file **comments on or before December 29, 2009**, and **reply comments on or before January 5, 2010**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 08-71**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.<sup>2</sup>

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/">http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/</a>.
- 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.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Georgia Public Service Commission Request for Leave to File an Addendum to its State Certification of Federal Universal Service Support Eligibility Out-Of-Time, WC Docket No. 08-71 (filed Oct. 21, 2009); 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d)(1). We note that although GPSC styles its filing as a "Request for Leave to File an Addendum," the relief sought would require a waiver of Commission rules. Thus, we refer to GPSC's filing as a request for waiver.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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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- (2) Wesley Platt, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C224, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: <a href="www.Wesley.Platt@fcc.gov">wesley.Platt@fcc.gov</a>; and
- (3) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: <a href="mailto:Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov">Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov</a>.

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This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>3</sup> Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.<sup>4</sup> Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.<sup>5</sup>

For further information, please contact Wesley Platt, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).