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COMMENT SOUGHT ON PETITION OF CELLCO PARTNERSHIP FOR PRO FORMA AMENDMENT OF ETC DESIGNATIONS IN ALABAMA, NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA

WC Docket No. 09-197

Comment Date: January 29, 2010

Reply Comment Date: February 16, 2010

On December 3, 2009, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and its affiliates (Cellco) filed requests to amend the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designations held by the company in the name of ALLTEL Communications, Inc. and its affiliated legal entities (Alltel) in the states of Alabama and North Carolina.¹ Cellco also filed a request to amend the ETC designations held by the company in the name of Alltel and RCC Holdings, Inc., and its affiliated legal entities (RCC) in the commonwealth of Virginia.² Cellco stated that, for the purpose of the ETC entities, the pro forma amendments would complete the previously approved transaction whereby Alltel and RCC became wholly-owned indirect subsidiaries of Cellco.³ Under the proposed amendment, Alltel's and RCC's ETC designations would reflect Cellco as the designated entity.

Interested parties may file **comments on or before January 29, 2010**, and **reply comments on or before February 16, 2010**. All pleadings are to reference WC Docket No. 09-197. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁴

¹ Petition of Cellco Partnership for Pro Forma Amendment of ETC Designations in the State of Alabama, WC Docket No. 09-197, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed Dec. 3, 2009) (Cellco Alabama Petition); Petition of Cellco Partnership for Pro Forma Amendment of ETC Designations in the State of North Carolina, WC Docket No. 09-197, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed Dec. 3, 2009) (Cellco North Carolina Petition).

² Petition of Cellco Partnership for Pro Forma Amendment of ETC Designations in the Commonwealth of Virginia, WC Docket No. 09-197, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed Dec. 3, 2009) (Cellco Virginia Petition).

³ Cellco Alabama Petition at 1-2; Cellco North Carolina Petition at 1-2; Cellco Virginia Petition at 1-2; *see also Applications of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Atlantic Holdings LLC for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses, Authorizations, and Spectrum Manager and de Facto Transfer of Leasing Arrangements*, WT Docket No. 08-95, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Declaratory Ruling, 23 FCC Rcd 17444 (2008).

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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- (2) Romanda Williams, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room SA422, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Romanda.Williams@fcc.gov; 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: Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov.

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⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁶ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁷

For further information, please contact Romanda Williams, 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. § 1.1206(b).