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## COMMENT SOUGHT ON THE PETITION OF CENTENNIAL COMMUNICATIONS CORP. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES TO WAIVE THE DECEMBER 31, 2008 DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING CHANGES TO INTERIM HIGH COST CAP DATA

WC Docket No. 05-337 CC Docket No. 96-45

Comments Due: April 20, 2009 Reply Comments Due: May 5, 2009

On December 31, 2008, Centennial Communications Corp. and its subsidiaries (Centennial) filed a waiver of the December 31, 2008 deadline for submitting to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) changes to the March 2008 data on which interim universal service high-cost capped support is based. On December 31, 2008, Centennial also submitted to USAC a letter requesting additional information concerning the March 2008 data. Centennial's petition for waiver states that full review and verification of the March 2008 data is not possible based on the data currently available. Centennial, therefore, requests a waiver so that it may submit changes to its March 2008 data two weeks after USAC provides Centennial with the additional requested information.

Interested parties may file comments on or before April 20, 2009 and reply comments on or before May 5, 2009. All pleadings are to reference WC Docket No. 05-337 and CC Docket No. 96-45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Centennial Communications Corp., Petition for Waiver of the December 31, 2008 Deadline for Submitting to USAC Changes to the Interim High Cost Cap Data of Centennial Communications Corp. and its CETC Subsidiaries (filed Dec. 31, 2008) (Petition); *March 2008 Capped Universal Service High-Cost Support for Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carriers*, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, Public Notice, 23 FCC Rcd 17873 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Petition (attaching Letter from Danielle Frappier, Davis, Wright, and Tremaine, LLP, to Karen M. Majcher, Universal Service Administrative Company (Dec. 31, 2008) (Centennial December 31 Letter)). Centennial requests from USAC the data, formulas, methodology and any other information necessary to fully review and verify the interim cap data. See Centennial December 31 Letter; Petition at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Petition at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 3.

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(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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

(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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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).