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COMMENT SOUGHT ON STANDING ROCK TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE STANDING ROCK ETC DESIGNATION AND REDEFINITION ORDER

WC Docket No. 09-197

Comment Date: November 15, 2010 Reply Comment Date: November 30, 2010

Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. (Standing Rock), a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) provider owned and operated by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, was recently designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for certain wire centers within its licensed service area within the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. Standing Rock has petitioned the Commission to reconsider portions of the *Standing Rock ETC Designation and Redefinition Order*. Specifically, Standing Rock argues that the definition of its service area should not be conditioned on the consent of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to redefine the service area of West River Telecommunications Cooperative, a rural telephone company. We seek comment on Standing Rock's Petition for Reconsideration.

Interested parties may file **comments on or before November 15, 2010**, and **reply comments on or before November 30, 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

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¹ Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support; Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier; Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. Petition to Redefine Rural Service Areas, WC Docket No. 09-197, Memorandum Opinion and Order, DA 10-1601 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Aug. 24, 2010) (Standing Rock ETC Designation and Redefinition Order).

² See Petition for Reconsideration of Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc., WC Docket 09-197 (filed Sept. 23, 2010) (Petition for Reconsideration); Standing Rock ETC Designation and Redefinition Order, DA 10-1601, at 9-10, paras. 25, 27, 28.

³ See Petition for Reconsideration at 1, 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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- (2) Divya Shenoy, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B510, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: divya.shenoy@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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For further information, please contact Divya Shenoy, 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).