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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR
CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF “CONSULTANT” AND
CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONSULTANT INFORMATION REQUIRED BY NEW FCC E-RATE
FORMS 470 AND 471**

CC Docket No. 02-6

Comment Date: December 23, 2010

Reply Comment Date: January 7, 2011

On November 12, 2010, Funds for Learning, a company that advises organizations about compliance with the regulations of the schools and libraries universal service support program (E-rate), petitioned the Commission for clarification regarding information that will be required on revised versions of the E-rate program FCC Forms 470 and 471.¹ The Commission has recently revised its FCC Forms 470 and 471 and those forms now require applicants to identify any consultant the applicant is using to assist them with their application.² The petition filed by Funds for Learning seeks clarification regarding the public availability of this information and urges the Commission not to make that information publicly available.³ Funds for Learning also seeks clarification regarding the definition of consultant.⁴

Interested parties may file **comments on or before December 23, 2010**, and **reply comments on or before January 7, 2011**. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket No. 02-6**. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.⁵

¹ Petition by Funds for Learning for Clarification of Confidentiality of Consultant Information Included on New FCC Forms 470 and 471 and Definition of “Consultant,” CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 12, 2010) (Petition).

² Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Implementation Date for Revised Forms 470 and 471 and Accompanying Instructions, CC Docket No. 02-6, Public Notice, DA 10-2218 (released Nov. 19, 2010); Instructions for Completing the Schools and Libraries Universal Service, Description of Services Requested and Certification Form, OMB 3060-0806 at 7 (item 7) (October 2010) (FCC Form 470 Instructions); Instructions for Completing the Schools and Libraries Universal Service, Services Ordered and Certification Form, OMB 3060-0806 at 8-9 (item 6g) (October 2010) (FCC Form 471 Instructions)

³ Petition at 2-9.

⁴ Petition at 9-11.

⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Red 11322 (1998).

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- (2) Mark Nadel, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B551, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Mark.Nadel@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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⁶ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

arguments presented generally is required.⁷ 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.⁸

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

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⁷ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).