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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON INDIANA TELEHEALTH NETWORK REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE JUNE 30, 2011 DEADLINE FOR FUNDING COMMITMENT REQUESTS UNDER THE RURAL HEALTH CARE PILOT PROGRAM

WC Docket No. 02-60

Comment Date: January 5, 2011
Reply Comment Date: January 17, 2011

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a request filed by the Indiana Telehealth Network for an extension of the June 30, 2011 deadline for participants in the universal service Rural Health Care Pilot Program (Pilot Program) to select a vendor and request funding commitment letters from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).¹

To request funding under the Pilot Program, participants must first file with USAC an FCC Form 465 (Description of Services Requested and Certification Form), describing the services for which they are seeking funding. After a participant selects a vendor, the participant must file with USAC an FCC Form 466 or Form 466-A (Funding Request and Certification Form) and related attachments.²

In February 2010, the Bureau extended by one year, to June 30, 2011, the deadline for Pilot Program participants to select a vendor and file their funding commitment requests with USAC.³ The Indiana Telehealth Network has requested a one-year extension of the funding commitment request deadline, to June 30, 2012.

¹ Letter from Don Kelso, Executive Director, Indiana Rural Health Association, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 02-60 (dated Nov. 17, 2010) (ITN Letter).

² *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 20360, 20403-04, para. 83 (2007) (*2007 Pilot Program Selection Order*).

³ *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 1423 (2010). Although Pilot Program participants must file their funding commitment requests by June 30, 2011, they may receive funding under the Pilot Program for five years from the date of their initial funding commitment from USAC. *2007 Pilot Program Selection Order*, 22 FCC Rcd at 20362, 20409-10, paras. 4, 94.

Interested parties may file comments on or before **January 5, 2011**, and reply comments on or before **January 17, 2011**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 02-60**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁴

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- (2) Jamie Susskind, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B418, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Jamie.Susskind@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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⁴ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Red 11322 (1998).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

arguments presented generally is required.⁶ 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.⁷

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

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⁶ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).