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**COMMENT CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMISSION'S FURTHER NOTICE OF  
PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT  
FOR NON-RURAL CARRIERS**

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

**Comment Date: January 28, 2010  
Reply Comment Date: February 12, 2010**

On December 15, 2009, the Commission released a further notice of proposed rulemaking regarding high-cost universal service support for non-rural carriers, in response to the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in *Qwest Communications International, Inc. v. FCC*.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission set the comment and reply comment deadlines for the *10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Remand FNPRM* as 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication of the summary of the further notice in the Federal Register. On December 29, 2009, a summary of the further notice appeared in the Federal Register.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, **comments will be due on January 28, 2010, and reply comments will be due on February 12, 2010.**

For comment filing requirements, please consult the *10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Remand FNPRM*.<sup>3</sup> For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Katie King, Wireline Competition Bureau, at 202-418-7491.

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<sup>1</sup> *High-Cost Universal Service Support; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 09-112 (rel. Dec. 15, 2009) (*10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Remand FNPRM*); *Qwest Communications Int'l, Inc. v. FCC*, 398 F.3d 1222 (10th Cir. 2005).

<sup>2</sup> See *10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Remand FNPRM*, 74 Fed Reg. 68763 (Dec. 29, 2009).

<sup>3</sup> See *10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Remand FNPRM*, FCC 09-112, paras. 46-53.