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COMMENT SOUGHT ON NTCH, INC.'S PETITION FOR LIMITED DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE AND PETITION FOR FORBEARANCE FROM ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER SERVICE AREA REQUIREMENT

WC Docket No. 09-197

Comment Date: April 14, 2010

Reply Comment Date: April 29, 2010

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a two petitions filed on March 5, 2010, by NTCH, Inc. (NTCH), a provider of commercial mobile radio services.¹ NTCH seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for certain areas in Alabama and Tennessee.² NTCH seeks ETC designation for the limited purpose of participating in the universal service low-income Lifeline program and does not request ETC designation to receive universal service high-cost support.³ In a separate petition, NTCH seeks forbearance from the definition of service area contained in section 214(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 54.207(b) of the Commission's rules so that it can be designated an ETC for the limited purposes of participating in the Lifeline program.⁴

Interested parties may file **comments on or before April 14, 2010**, and **reply comments on or before April 29, 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.⁵

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¹ NTCH, Inc. Petition for Limited Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the States of Alabama and Tennessee, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed Mar. 5, 2010) (NTCH ETC Petition); NTCH, Inc. Petition for Forbearance from 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(5) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(b), WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed Mar. 5, 2010) (NTCH Forbearance Petition).

² NTCH ETC Petition at i.

³ *See id.*

⁴ *See* NTCH Forbearance Petition at 6; 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(5); 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(b).

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) Nicholas A. Degani, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B442, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: nicholas.degani@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.*

⁷ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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