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**COMMENT SOUGHT ON THE PUERTO RICO TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE COMMISSION'S UNIVERSAL SERVICE
HIGH-COST INSULAR SUPPORT ORDER**

WC Docket No. 05-337

Comment Date: 15 days after date of publication in the Federal Register
Reply Comment Date: 25 days after date of publication in the Federal Register

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed by Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. (PRTC)¹ requesting that the Commission reconsider its decision declining to establish a new universal service high-cost support mechanism for non-rural insular carriers.² The Commission concluded that dramatic increases in telephone subscribership in Puerto Rico over the last several years made it unnecessary to adopt a new high-cost support mechanism for non-rural insular carriers as proposed by PRTC.

Pursuant to section 1.429(e) of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file **comments 15 days after the date of publication of this public notice in the Federal Register** and **reply comments 25 days after the date of publication of this public notice in the Federal Register**.³ All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 05-337**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.⁴

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.

¹ Petition for Reconsideration of Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc., WC Docket No. 03-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 03-109 (filed Apr. 27, 2010).

² *High-Cost Universal Service Support, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up*, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 03-109, Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 10-57 (rel. Apr. 16, 2010). In a companion notice of proposed rulemaking, the Commission sought comment on a proposal to provide additional universal service Link Up support to help defray charges incurred by telecommunications carriers when they must build special facilities to serve eligible low-income customers in Puerto Rico. *Id.* at paras. 47-52.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.429(e).

⁴ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

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All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20554.

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In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to each of the following:

- (1) The Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, www.bcpweb.com; phone: (202) 488-5300 fax: (202) 488-5563; and
- (2) 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.

Filings and comments are also available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. They may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone: (202) 488-5300, fax: (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail www.bcpweb.com.

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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).

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

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