

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Connect America Fund	)	WC Docket No. 10-90
	)	
A National Broadband Plan for Our Future	)	GN Docket No. 09-51
	)	
Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers	)	WC Docket No. 07-135
	)	
High-Cost Universal Service Support	)	WC Docket No. 05-337
	)	
Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime	)	CC Docket No. 01-92
	)	
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service	)	CC Docket No. 96-45
	)	
Lifeline and Link-Up	)	WC Docket No. 03-109

**ORDER**

**Adopted: August 8, 2011**

**Released: August 8, 2011**

By the Chiefs, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. On August 4, 2011, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (collectively, “Consumer Advocates”) filed a motion for extension of time (“Motion”)<sup>1</sup> to file comments and reply comments in response to a Public Notice seeking comment on aspects of certain proposals filed in the record and on additional issues that are not fully developed in the record. The Consumer Advocates seek an extension of 19 days for filing comments and 30 days for filing reply comments, asserting that such an extension is warranted because of the scope of the issues raised in the Public Notice.<sup>2</sup> On August 5, 2011, the National Association of

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<sup>1</sup> Motion for Extension of Time, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45 (filed Aug. 4, 2011). On August 5, 2011, the State Members of the Universal Service Joint Board filed a letter in support of the Consumer Advocates Motion. *See* Letter from James Bradford Ramsay, Counsel to State Members of the Universal Service Joint Board, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45 (filed Aug. 5, 2011).

<sup>2</sup> Further Inquiry Into Certain Issues in the Universal Service-Intercarrier Compensation Transformation Proceeding, Public Notice, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, DA 11-1348 (rel. Aug. 3, 2011).

Regulatory Utility Commissioners filed a motion seeking an extension for the same time periods as requested by the Consumer Advocates.<sup>3</sup>

2. Under Section 1.46(a) of the Commission's rules,<sup>4</sup> it is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted. We do not find that the circumstances presented here warrant granting an extension.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, and pursuant to the authority delegated in sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, the motions for extension of time filed by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, and by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners are DENIED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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<sup>3</sup> See Motion of The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners for Extension of Time, WC Docket Nos. 10-90; 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45 (filed Aug. 5, 2011).

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).