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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON SOUTHWEST TELEHEALTH ACCESS GRID REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING UNDER THE RURAL HEALTH CARE PILOT PROGRAM

WC Docket No. 02-60

Comment Date: March 14, 2011

Reply Comment Date: March 29, 2011

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a request filed by the Southwest Telehealth Access Grid (SWTAG) for additional funding under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program (Pilot Program).¹ SWTAG states that their project requires funds in excess of its maximum allotment due to increased interest from eligible stakeholders and bids from prospective vendors that exceed its initial best estimates.² SWTAG requests that the Bureau increase SWTAG's maximum support amount using any unused or relinquished Pilot Program funds.³

Interested parties may file **comments on or before March 14, 2011**, and **reply comments on or before March 29, 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

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.

¹ Letter from Dale C. Alerson, MD, Project Coordinator, Southwest Telehealth Access Grid, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 02-60 (dated Jan. 14, 2011) (SWTAG Letter).

² SWTAG Letter at 1. SWTAG also provides comments in support of Oregon Health Network's request for additional Pilot Program funding and an extension of time to obtain funding commitments and submit invoices. See Letter from Kim Lamb, Executive Director, Oregon Health Network, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 02-60 (dated Dec. 17, 2010).

³ *Id.*

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

- For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, “get form.” A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
- 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 should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20554.

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- (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;
- (2) Erica Myers, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B432, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Erica.Myers@fcc.gov and
- (3) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B521, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Charles.Tyler@mailto:@fcc.gov.

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For further information, please contact Erica Myers, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-2429 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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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).