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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON A REQUEST BY MiCTA FOR WAIVER OF THE RURAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM RULES

WC Docket No. 02-60

Comment Date: March 21, 2011

Reply Comment Date: April 4, 2011

On January 18, 2011, MiCTA filed a request seeking a waiver of the Commission's rural health care program rules. Specifically, MiCTA requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 54.603 to allow program participants to use state master contracts.¹ MiCTA also requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 54.601(c) to allow eligible participants to seek support under the rural health care program for any of the services on the universal service schools and libraries program Eligible Services List ("ESL").²

Interested parties may file comments on or before **March 21, 2011**, and reply comments on or before **April 4, 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.³

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¹ Letter from Gary L. Green, MiCTA, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed January 18, 2011) (MiCTA Letter). See USAC, Schools and Libraries, Step 4: Contract Guidance, <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step04/contract-guidance.aspx> (last visited February 15, 2011) (describing the use of state master contracts in the universal service schools and libraries program).

² MiCTA Letter at 1. The schools and libraries program ESL is available at <http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/eligible-services-list.aspx> (last visited February 15, 2011).

³ 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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- (1) The Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, www.bcpiweb.com; phone: (202) 488-5300 fax: (202) 488-5563;
- (2) Jamie Susskind, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B418, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Jamie.Susskind@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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For further information, please contact Jamie Susskind, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁵ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).