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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION
PETITION FOR WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 61.49(K) OF THE
COMMISSION'S RULES FOR THE SHORT FORM TARIFF REVIEW PLAN**

WC Docket No. 12-22

COMMENTS: February 13, 2012

REPLY COMMENTS: February 23, 2012

On January 24, 2012, the United States Telecom Association (USTelecom) filed a petition on behalf of its price cap members seeking a waiver of requirements in section 61.49(k) of the Commission's rules regarding non-exogenous cost data filing requirements for the Short Form Tariff Review Plan (TRP).¹ Specifically, USTelecom requests that all price cap local exchange carriers (price cap LECs) receive a waiver from the requirement that they submit PC-1 and IND-1 forms as part of the Short Form TRP.² USTelecom also requests that price cap LECs that have reached their Average Traffic Sensitive (ATS) rate target receive a waiver from the requirement that they submit the TGT-1 and TGT-2 forms as part of the Short Form TRP.³ In addition, USTelecom requests that the deadline for the Short Form TRP be moved to May 17 to give price cap carriers additional time to prepare their cost data.⁴ USTelecom notes that a similar waiver was requested and granted the last two years and contends that "[s]ince the same circumstances that motivated the 2010 and 2011 petitions continue to be present, this petition should be similarly granted and the waiver extended for another year."⁵

Interested parties may file comments on the USTelecom petition on or before **February 13, 2012** and reply comments on or before **February 23, 2012**. Filings in this proceeding should be captioned "USTelecom Petition for Waiver of Section 61.49(k)" and filed in WC Docket No. 12-22.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite TW-A325, Washington, DC

¹ See Petition of the United States Telecom Association for Waiver of Rule 61.49(k)'s Non-exogenous Cost Data Requirements for the Short Form Tariff Review Plan and for Waiver of Rule 61.49(k)'s Deadline for Filing the Exogenous Cost Data Requirements of the Short Form Tariff Review Plan, WC Docket No. 12-22 at 1 (filed Jan. 24, 2012).

² *Id.* at 2.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

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Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

- **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.
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Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using the Commission's ECFS.

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For further information, contact Pamela Arluk of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1520, or via e-mail at pamela.arluk@fcc.gov.

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⁶ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

⁷ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

⁸ See *id.*