

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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Lifeline and Link Up Reform and) WC Docket No. 11-42
Modernization)
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ORDER

Adopted: June 29, 2012

Released: June 29, 2012

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. In this order, we grant a request for a limited extension of time filed by Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. (Hopi), a Tribally-owned eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) serving the Hopi Reservation, to submit an application to participate in the Commission’s broadband adoption pilot program for low-income consumers (Pilot Program).¹
2. Hopi seeks a 10 to 14 day extension of time to submit an application to participate in the Pilot Program.² Hopi claims that it lost valuable time in preparing its application due to protracted efforts to retain an outside consultant.³
3. In recognition of the unique challenges facing Tribally-owned ETCs, the Commission’s direction to the Wireline Competition Bureau to select at least one pilot project directed at providing support on Tribal lands, and Hopi’s strong desire to participate in the Pilot, we find that there is good cause to grant Hopi a one week extension of time until Monday, July 9, 2012 to file an application to participate in the Pilot Program.⁴
4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1-4 and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151-154 and 254, and sections 0.91, 0.291, 1.3 and 54.722(a) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.3 and 54.722(a),

¹ See generally Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. Request for Extension of Time to Submit Broadband Pilot Proposal, WC Dkt. No. 11-42, at 1, (filed June 28, 2012) (Hopi Petition); see also Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Application Procedures and Deadline For Applications to Participate in the Broadband Adoption Lifeline Pilot Program, Public Notice, WC Dkt. No. 11-42 (Apr. 30, 2012) (Broadband Pilot Public Notice) (setting forth the application procedures and deadline of July 2, 2012 for submission of Pilot Program applications).

² See Hopi at 1.

³ Id.

⁴ See Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al., WC Dkt. Nos. 11-42 et al., CC Dkt. No. 96-45, FCC 12-11, para. 350 (rel. Feb. 6, 2012) (Lifeline Reform Order) (directing the Wireline Competition Bureau, in coordination with the Office of Native Affairs and Policy, to select at least one pilot project on Tribal lands); see also Broadband Pilot Public Notice at 4.

that the request for extension of time filed by Hopi is GRANTED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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