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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON CENTURYLINK PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF CALL SIGNALING RULES

CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90;
WT Docket No. 10-208

COMMENTS: February 29, 2012

REPLY COMMENTS: March 15, 2012

On January 23, 2012, CenturyLink, Inc. (CenturyLink) filed a petition¹ seeking a limited waiver of the Commission's call signaling rules² adopted in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*.³ In its petition, CenturyLink makes the following specific requests: (1) "a limited waiver of the requirement to pass CN [the Signaling System 7 (SS7) Charge Number] unaltered where it is different than the CPN [Calling Party Number] in limited circumstances involving SS7 signaling where CenturyLink acts as an interexchange carrier;"⁴ (2) "a limited waiver of the new rules for originating service providers that use SS7 or MF [Multi-Frequency] signaling" to pass the number of the calling party (or CN, if different) in the MF Automatic Number Identification (ANI) field,⁵ and (3) a limited waiver of the new rules for originating service providers that use SS7 or MF signaling "where CenturyLink acts as an IXC for certain traffic originated over dedicated access facilities."⁶

Interested parties may file **comments on or before February 29, 2012**, and **reply comments on or before March 15, 2012**. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁷ Two courtesy copies must

¹ See Petition for Limited Waiver of CenturyLink Inc., CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208, at 1 (filed Jan. 23, 2012) (Petition).

² 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601(a).

³ See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, High-Cost Universal Service Support, Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up, Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket No. 07-135, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 01-92, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 03-109, WT Docket No. 10-208, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161, paras. 702 - 735 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011)(*USF/ICC Transformation Order*), *pets. for recon. pending* (see *Petitions for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding*, Public Notice, Report Number 9245 (rel. Jan. 12, 2012)); *pets. for review pending, Direct Commc'ns Cedar Valley, LLC v. FCC*, No. 11-9581 (10th Cir. filed 12/8/11) (and consolidated cases).

⁴ Petition at 5.

⁵ *Id.* at 6.

⁶ See *id.* at 8-9.

⁷ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

be delivered to Belinda Nixon, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A221, Washington, DC 20554, or via e-mail at belinda.nixon@fcc.gov.

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This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of the CenturyLink Petition. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁸ Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.⁹ Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.¹⁰

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Belinda Nixon, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1520, or via e-mail at belinda.nixon@fcc.gov.

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⁸ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

⁹ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

¹⁰ See *id.*