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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON
VIRGIN MOBILE USA, L.P., PETITION FOR COMMISSION AGREEMENT IN REDEFINING
THE SERVICE AREAS OF RURAL INCUMBENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN KANSAS**

**CC Docket No. 96-45
WC Docket No. 09-197**

Comment Date: March 5, 2012

Reply Comment Date: March 19, 2012

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed on January 25, 2012 by Virgin Mobile USA, L.P. (Virgin Mobile), a Lifeline-only eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC), pursuant to section 54.207 of the Commission's rules.¹ In its petition, Virgin Mobile requests the Commission's agreement with the Kansas State Corporation Commission to redefine the service areas of several rural telephone companies: Blue Valley Tele-Communications, Inc.; Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; J.B.N. Telephone Company, Inc.; Kanokla Telephone Association; Madison Telephone, LLC; Southern Kansas Telephone Company, Inc.; Totah Communications, Inc.; and Wisconsin Telephone Company, Inc. Virgin Mobile also requests the Commission's agreement to the redefinition of Golden Belt Telephone Association, Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc., and Twin Valley Telephone, Inc. to the extent that they remain unapproved in the *Viaero Proceeding*.²

Section 54.207 of the Commission's rules, which implements section 214(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), provides that a rural telephone company's service area will be its study area "unless and until the Commission and the states, after taking into account the recommendations of a Federal-State Joint Board instituted under section 410(c) of the Act, establish a different definition of service area for such company."³

¹ Petition by Virgin Mobile USA, L.P. for Commission Agreement in Redefining Certain Service Areas of Incumbent Rural Incumbent Telephone Companies in the State of Kansas Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.207(c), CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed January 25, 2012) (Petition); 47 C.F.R. § 54.207. Pursuant to section 54.207(e), the Commission delegated authority to the Wireline Competition Bureau to consider redefinitions of rural telephone companies' service areas. 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(c).

² Petition at 1-2, Appendix 1, Appendix 2; *Wireline Competition Bureau Initiates Proceeding to Consider NE Colorado Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Viaero Wireless, Petition for Agreement in Redefining the Service Areas of Rural Telephone Companies in Kansas*, WC Docket No. 09-197, Public Notice, 26 FCC Rcd 15192 (2011) (*Viaero Proceeding*).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(b); 47 U.S.C. (c). § 214(e)(5).

This public notice is required by section 54.207(c)(2) of the Commission's rules.⁴ If the Commission initiates a proceeding to consider the Petition, it must do so within 90 days of the release date of this public notice, pursuant to the Commission's rules.⁵ If the Commission does not act on the Petition by **May 3, 2012**, the definition proposed by the State Corporation Commission of Kansas will be deemed approved by the Commission and shall take effect in accordance with state procedures.⁶

Interested parties may file **comments on or before March 5, 2012**, and **reply comments on or before March 19, 2012**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 09-197**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁷

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy 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., S.W., 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 must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20554.

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In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to each of the following:

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- (2) Divya S. Shenoy, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B442, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: divya.shenoy@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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⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(c)(2).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(c)(3).

⁶ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(c)(ii).

⁷ 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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For further information, please contact Divya S. Shenoy, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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⁸ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁹ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

¹⁰ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).