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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON COX COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S PETITION FOR FORBEARANCE FROM ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER SERVICE AREA REQUIREMENT

WC Docket No. 09-197

Comment Date: September 26, 2012 Reply Comment Date: October 11, 2012

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed on August 14, 2012 by Cox Communications, Inc. (Cox). Cox seeks forbearance from enforcing section 214(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 54.207 of the Commission's rules in connection with pending and future Cox applications for limited designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier to participate in the Lifeline program.²

Interested parties may file comments on or before September 26, 2012, and reply comments on or before October 11, 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.³

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¹ Petition of Cox Communications Inc. for Forbearance, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed Aug. 15, 2012) (Petition).

² See Petition at 1; 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(5); 47 C.F.R. § 54.207.

³ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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

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- (2) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A452, Washington, DC 20554; e-mail: charles.tyler@fcc.gov.

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For further information, please contact Alex Minard, 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.