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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES FILED BY CIMARRON TELEPHONE COMPANY, CROSS TELEPHONE COMPANY, AND POTTAWATOMIE TELEPHONE COMPANY

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

Comment Date: January 2, 2013

Reply Comment Date: January 17, 2013

On November 19, 2012, Cimarron Telephone Company, Cross Telephone Company, and Pottawatomie Telephone Company (collectively, Petitioners) filed a petition seeking limited waiver of the requirements set forth in 51.917 of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup> Petitioners request a "waiver allowing them to include in their 2011 Base Period Revenues amounts billed, due, and owing from Halo Wireless, Inc. . . for intrastate usage during Fiscal Year 2011." Petitioners assert that Halo diverted a "large amount of traffic" through its network³ and then "filed for bankruptcy protection [] staying all collection actions." Petitioners state that their "2011 Base Period Revenues do not represent normal traffic revenues because an inordinate amount is uncollectible" and that if "the Halo uncollectable intrastate access revenues are not included in the Petitioners 2011 Base Period Revenues, consumers in Petitioners' rural Oklahoma service areas will suffer the consequences for years to come."

Petitioners filed a confidential and a redacted version of their waiver petition. Parties seeking access to the confidential version of Petitioners waiver petition shall request access pursuant to the terms of the *Third Protective Order* adopted August 30, 2012.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cimarron Telephone Company, Cross Telephone Company, and Pottawatomie Telephone Company Petition for Limited Waiver of Section 51.917(c) of the Commission's Rules, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; WT Docket No. 10-208 (filed Nov. 19, 2012) (Cimarron et al. Waiver Petition).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cimarron et al. Waiver Petition at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.* at iii.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id*. at 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id*. at iii.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id*. at iv.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; WT Docket No. 10-208, Protective Order, 27 FCC Rcd. 10276 (2012) (*Third Protective Order*).

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document.<sup>8</sup> All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; WT Docket No. 10-208.** Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).<sup>9</sup>

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- 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.
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In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to Belinda Nixon, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A333, Washington, DC 20554, or via email at <a href="mailto:belinda.nixon@fcc.gov">belinda.nixon@fcc.gov</a>.

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<sup>9</sup> See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

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For further information, contact Belinda Nixon, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, at (202) 418-1520 or via email at <a href="mailto:belinda.nixon@fcc.gov">belinda.nixon@fcc.gov</a>.

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