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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED ON AT&T AND NTCA PETITIONS

GN Docket No. 12-353

Comment Date: January 28, 2013
Reply Comment Date: February 25, 2013

We establish a pleading cycle on two petitions that urge the Commission to alter policies to respond to the ongoing technological transition of voice networks.

On November 7, 2012, AT&T filed a petition requesting that the Commission open a proceeding “to facilitate the ‘telephone’ industry’s continued transition from legacy transmission platforms and services to new services based fully on the Internet Protocol (‘IP’).”¹ AT&T requests that the Commission consider conducting trials where certain equipment and services are retired and IP-based services are offered, after a public comment period on how to conduct the trials and on “the ultimate transition to all-IP networks and services.”²

On November 19, 2012, the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association filed a petition requesting the Commission to “initiate a rulemaking to examine the means of promoting and sustaining the ongoing evolution of the Public Switched Telephone Network” from TDM to IP.³ NTCA urges the Commission to seek comment on whether certain regulations should be eliminated, retained or modified to further the Commission’s statutory objectives of consumer protection, competition, and universal service.⁴

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **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.

¹ AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition, at 1 (filed Nov. 7, 2012) (AT&T Petition).

² *Id.* at 6.

³ Petition of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association for a Rulemaking to Promote and Sustain the Ongoing TDM-to-IP Evolution, at 1 (filed Nov. 19, 2012) (NTCA Petition).

⁴ *Id.* at 11.

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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., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*