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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON WALNUT HILL TELEPHONE COMPANY REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF A DECISION BY THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

WC Docket No. 08-71

Comment Date: February 8, 2012 Reply Comment Date: February 23, 2012

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The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a request for review filed by the Walnut Hill Telephone Company (Walnut Hill) of a decision by the Universal Service Administrative Company concerning an audit of Walnut Hill's compliance with federal universal service high-cost program requirements. Walnut Hill seeks a waiver of the requirements of section 32.27(c) of the Commission's rules.¹

Interested parties may file **comments on or before February 8, 2012**, and **reply comments on or before February 23, 2012**. All pleadings are to reference WC Docket No. 08-71. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.²

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¹ Walnut Hill Telephone Company Request for Review of a Decision by the Universal Service Administrative Company Pursuant to Section 1.3, 32.18, 54.719 and 54.722 of the Commission's rules and Petition for Waiver of Section 32.27(c) of the Commission's Rules, WC Docket No. 08-71 (filed Dec. 22, 2011); 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.719(c) (Review of decisions issued by the Administrator), and 54.722 (Review by the Wireline Competition Bureau for request of review of a decision by the Administrator); 47 C.F.R. §§ 32.18 (Request for waiver by a telecommunications company of the provisions of Part 32 uniform system of accounts) and 32.27(c) (Commission rules related to services provided between a carrier and its affiliate).

² 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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- (2) Abdel Eqab, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B431, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Abdel-Hamid.Eqab@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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For further information, please contact Abdel Eqab, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq*.

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

