WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITIONS FOR DESIGNATION AS A LOW-INCOME ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
FILED BY T-MOBILE, KAJEET, TAG MOBILE, TELRITE AND GLOBAL CONNECTION
WC Docket No. 09-197

Comment Date: May 10, 2012
Reply Comment Date: May 25, 2012

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on petitions filed by T-Mobile USA, Inc. (T-Mobile), kajeet, Inc. (kajeet), TAG Mobile, LLC (TAG), Telrite Corporation (Telrite), and Global Connection Inc. of America (Global Connection) for limited designation as eligible telecommunications carriers (ETC) for the provision of Lifeline service. kajeet, TAG, Telrite and Global Connection each seek designation as an ETC for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline service in Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.


4 Telrite Corporation Petition for Limited Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed Apr. 4, 2012) (Telrite Petition). Telrite has a compliance plan pending with the Commission and may not be designated an ETC until its plan has been approved by the Wireline Competition Bureau. See Telrite Corporation Compliance Plan, WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42 (filed Mar. 12, 2012); see also, Lifeline Reform Order, FCC 12-11, para. 380.

5 Global Connection Inc. of America Petition for Limited Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed Apr. 4, 2012) (Global Connections Petition). Global Connection has a compliance plan pending with the Commission and may not be designated an ETC until its plan has been approved by the Wireline Competition Bureau. See Global Connection Inc. of America Compliance Plan, WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42 (filed Mar. 8, 2012); see also, Lifeline Reform Order, FCC 12-11, para. 380.

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. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

- 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.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- 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.
- 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, SW, Washington DC 20554.

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6 kajeet Petition at 1; TAG Petition at 1; Telrite Petition at 1; Global Connection Petition at 1.
7 T-Mobile Petition at 1.
9 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.
presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during ex parte meetings are deemed to be written ex parte presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written ex parte presentations and memoranda summarizing oral ex parte presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s ex parte rules.

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