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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU AND WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEK COMMENT ON PETITION FOR DESIGNATION AS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS FILED BY CAROLINA WEST

WC Docket No. 09-197; WT Docket No. 10-208; AU Docket No. 12-25

Comment Date: May 25, 2012 Reply Comment Date: June 1, 2012

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Wireline Competition Bureau (the Bureaus) seek comment on the petition filed by Carolina West Wireless, Inc. (Carolina West) for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in North Carolina.¹

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. All filings must reference WC Docket No. 09-197, WT Docket No. 10-208, and AU Docket No. 12-25. Comments and reply comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).²

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¹ Petition of Carolina West Wireless, Inc. For Designation As An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier In Additional Service Areas In The State Of North Carolina, WC Docket No. 09-197, WT Docket No. 10-208, AU Docket No. 12-25 (filed May 14, 2012) (Carolina West Petition).

² See 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419; Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.