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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINES FOR COMMENTS ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

WC Docket No. 06-122  
GN Docket No. 09-51

Comment Date: July 9, 2012  
Reply Comment Date: August 6, 2012

On April 30, 2012, the Commission released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice) seeking comment on proposals to reform and modernize how Universal Service Fund contributions are assessed and recovered.<sup>1</sup> The Commission set the comment and reply comment deadline for the *Contribution Methodology Reform and Modernization Further Notice* as 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of a summary of the Notice in the Federal Register.<sup>2</sup> On June 7, 2012, a summary of the Notice appeared in the Federal Register.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, interested parties may file **comments on or before July 9, 2012**, and **reply comments on or before August 6, 2012**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 06-122 and GN Docket 09-51**.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.<sup>4</sup>

- *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.

<sup>1</sup> *Universal Service Contribution Methodology; A National Broadband Plan For Our Future*, WC Docket No. 06-122, GN Docket No. 09-51, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-46 (rel. Apr. 30, 2012) (*Contribution Methodology Reform and Modernization Further Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>3</sup> 77 Fed. Reg. 33896 (June 7, 2012).

<sup>4</sup> See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1999).

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.
- *People with Disabilities:* To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.<sup>5</sup> Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the 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.

For further information, please contact Vickie S. Robinson, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 (voice) or (202) 418-0484 (tty).

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<sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*