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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON C SPIRE WIRELESS, CORR WIRELESS, DELTA TELEPHONE CO., INC., FRANKLIN TELEPHONE CO., INC. AND TELEPAK NETWORKS, INC. JOINT PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF CALL SIGNALING RULES

CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208

COMMENTS: July 26, 2012

REPLY COMMENTS: August 10, 2012

On June 20, 2012, C Spire Wireless, Corr Wireless, Delta Telephone Co., Inc., Franklin Telephone Co., Inc. and Telepak Networks, Inc. ("LNGS Carriers") filed a joint petition seeking a limited waiver of the Commission's call signaling rules adopted in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*. Specifically, the LNGS Carriers request a limited waiver of the Commission's call signaling rules because the carriers maintain that "[i]n many cases, it is not technically feasible for the LNGS Carriers to pass CPN/CN in accordance with the new MF signaling requirement for PSTN-bound voice traffic traversing MF trunks." The LNGS Carriers also maintain that, as a result, it is "not technically feasible to populate the ANI field...and the LNGS Carriers would need to replace all ... existing MF equipment, with SS7 capable facilities, in order to comply with the new [call signaling] rule," which would "impose a significant economic burden on the LNGS Carriers."

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on the LNGS Petition on or before the dates indicated above. All pleadings are to reference CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208. Comments may be filed

¹ See C Spire Wireless, Corr Wireless, Delta Telephone Co., Inc., Franklin Telephone Co., Inc. and Telepak Networks, Inc. Joint Petition for Limited Waiver, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, WT Docket No. 10-208 (filed June 20, 2012) (LNGS Petition).

² 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601(a).

³ See Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011), Appendix A, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601(a)(1) & (2) (rel. Nov. 18, 2011), pets. for review pending, Direct Commc'ns Cedar Valley, LLC v. FCC, No. 11-9581 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 18, 2011) (and consolidated cases) (USF/ICC Transformation Order).

⁴ LNGS Petition at 3.

⁵ *Id*. at 4.

using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁶ Two courtesy copies must be delivered to Christopher S. Koves, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-A236, Washington, D.C. 20554, or via e-mail at Christopher.Koves@fcc.gov.

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⁶ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

⁷ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

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 regarding this proceeding, contact Christopher S. Koves, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1520, or via e-mail at Christopher.Koves@fcc.gov.

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