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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON
FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING OR, IN
THE ALTERNATIVE, PETITION FOR WAIVER TO PROVIDE BROADBAND INTERNET
ACCESS SERVICE ON A NON-COMMON CARRIER BASIS**

CC Docket No. 02-33; WC Docket No. 10-90

Comment Date: June 10, 2013
Reply Comment Date: June 20, 2013

On May 1, 2013, FairPoint Communications, Inc. (“FairPoint”) filed a petition for declaratory ruling or, in the alternative, a petition for waiver of the Commission’s rules so that FairPoint may provide broadband Internet access on a non-common carrier basis.¹ Specifically, FairPoint “seeks a declaratory ruling that its rate-of-return (“ROR”) incumbent local exchange carriers (“ILECs”) subsidiaries that offer wireline broadband Internet access transmission services (“BBIAS”) on a common carrier basis may elect blanket certification to discontinue BBIAS as a common carrier service while following the [Part 69] cost allocation rules that the Commission adopted for price cap carriers as set forth in its *2005 Broadband Internet Access Order*.”² In the alternative, FairPoint seeks “a waiver as necessary for the FairPoint ROR ILECs to elect to provide non-common carrier BBIAS subject to the same [Part 69] cost allocation treatment as price cap carriers under the *2005 Broadband Internet Access Order*.”³ FairPoint argues that it is uniquely situated following adoption of the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*,⁴ that enforcement of the Commission’s Part 64 cost allocation rules would not serve the Commission’s policy goals, and that, in the alternative, a waiver would be equitable and in the public interest.⁵

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated above. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

¹ FairPoint Communications, Inc. Petition for Declaratory Ruling or, in the Alternative, Petition for Waiver to Provide Broadband Internet Access Service on a Non-Common Carrier Basis, CC Docket No. 02-33, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed May 1, 2013) (Petition).

² *Id.* at 1, 11-13 (citing *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities et al.*, CC Docket No. 02-33 et al., Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 20 FCC Rcd 14853, 14924-27, paras. 128-38 (2005) (*2005 Broadband Internet Access Order*)).

³ Petition at 2-3, 13-14 (citing *2005 Broadband Internet Access Order*, 20 FCC Rcd at 14927, para. 138).

⁴ 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).

⁵ See Petition at 3, 13-14.

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⁶ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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