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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON  
OZARK GUIDANCE CENTER REQUEST FOR REVIEW  
OF A DECISION BY THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY**

**WC Docket No. 02-60**

**Comment Date: June 27, 2013**

**Reply Comment Date: July 5, 2013**

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a request for review filed by Ozark Guidance Center (Ozark) seeking reversal of a decision of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) in which USAC denied Ozark's rural health care support for Funding Year 2011 due to lack of competitive bidding.<sup>1</sup> Ozark argues that it responded to all potential bidders and waited the 28-day period before signing a new contract with its current carrier.<sup>2</sup>

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments are to reference **WC Docket No. 02-60** and may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Mike Gross, Assistant Information Systems Director, Ozark Guidance Center to Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed Apr. 23, 2013) at 1.

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

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**In addition, we request that one copy of each pleading be sent to each of the following:**

- (1) Elizabeth V. McCarthy, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A364, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [elizabeth.mccarthy@fcc.gov](mailto:elizabeth.mccarthy@fcc.gov); and
- (2) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [charles.tyler@fcc.gov](mailto:charles.tyler@fcc.gov).

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For further information, please contact Elizabeth V. McCarthy, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.