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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU REMINDS PARTIES OF DEADLINES FOR FILING OPPOSITIONS AND REPLIES REGARDING THE SILVER STAR TELEPHONE COMPANY APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

WC Docket No. 10-90 WC Docket No. 05-337

Oppositions Due: June 25, 2013

Replies to Oppositions Due: July 5, 2013

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on an application for review filed by Silver Star Telephone Company (Silver Star). On May 9, 2013, the Bureau released an order that granted in part and denied in part a request filed by Silver Star for expedited waiver² to correct the study area boundary and number of exchanges for Silver Star's Idaho study area 472295, and change the density, road miles, and road crossings (density and road information) for Silver Star's Idaho and Wyoming study areas used in the regression analysis establishing "benchmarks" for high-cost loop support (HCLS). Silver Star requests that the Commission reverse the Bureau and change the data used in the quantile regression analysis model concerning density and road information for Silver Star's Idaho and Wyoming study areas. Silver Star requests that these changes be applied to the benchmark methodology effective as of July 1, 2012.

Pursuant to section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, oppositions shall be filed within 15 days after the application for review is filed and replies to oppositions shall be filed within 10 days after the opposition is filed.⁵ Oppositions and replies to oppositions may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁶

¹ Application for Review of Silver Star Telephone Company, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337 (filed June 10, 2013) (Silver Star Application for Review).

² Petition for Waiver of Silver Star Telephone Company, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 05-337 (filed Sept. 27, 2012).

³ Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337, Order, DA 13-1013 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. May 9, 2013).

⁴ See Silver Star Application for Review at 1.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 1.115.

⁶ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 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 <u>before</u> entering the building.
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In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to each of the following:

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- (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; and
- (3) Suzanne Yelen, Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-B115, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Suzanne.Yelen@fcc.gov.

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⁷ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

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 Abdel Eqab, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.