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**WIRESLINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR
DESIGNATION AS A LOW-INCOME ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
FILED BY AMERICAN BROADBAND AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY**

WC Docket No. 09-197

Comment Date: August 1, 2013

Reply Comment Date: August 16, 2013

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed by American Broadband and Telecommunications Company (American Broadband)¹ for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the limited purpose of providing wireless services supported by the Universal Service Fund's Lifeline program. American Broadband seeks designation as an ETC for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline service in Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, New Hampshire, North Carolina, New York, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.²

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).³

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.

¹ American Broadband and Telecommunications Company's Petition for Limited Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, The District of Columbia, Florida, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed June 6, 2012) (American Broadband Petition).

The Wireline Competition Bureau has approved American Broadband's compliance plan. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Approves the Compliance Plans of American Broadband & Telecommunications, Budget Prepay, Consumer Cellular, Global Connection, TerraCom, and Total Call*, WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42, 27 FCC Rcd 5776 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012); see also *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 6656, 6816, para. 380 (2012) (*Lifeline Reform Order*).

² See American Broadband Petition at 1.

³ See 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419; *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- 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.

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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, 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.
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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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