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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON
NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF A DECISION BY
THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY**

WC Docket No. 08-71

Comment Date: August 19, 2013
Reply Comment Date: September 3, 2013

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a request for review filed by the Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its subsidiary Project Telephone Company (Nemont) of a decision by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) concerning an audit of Nemont's compliance with federal high-cost universal service program requirements.¹ Specifically, Nemont asserts that USAC erred by disallowing (1) material and supplies and (2) pole rental expenses in their entirety because Nemont's accounting records were incorrect. Nemont argues that instead, USAC should have employed alternative audit procedures to determine a reasonable expense amount for the two categories.²

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments on or before the dates indicated above.³ Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁴

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

¹ Request for Review by Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. of Decision of Universal Service Administrator, WC Docket No. 08-71 (filed June 10, 2013) (Request for Review). Nemont originally submitted the Request for Review in CC Docket No. 96-45.

² Request for Review at 1-4.

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419.

⁴ 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, 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.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

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In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to each of the following:

- (1) Abdel Eqab, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B431, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Abdel-Hamid.Eqab@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.

The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁵ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* 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.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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