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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON
A PETITION FOR DESIGNATION AS A LOW-INCOME ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER FILED BY AMERIMEX COMMUNICATIONS CORP.
AND A REQUEST TO AMEND A LOW-INCOME ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER DESIGNATION FILED BY I-WIRELESS LLC**

WC Docket No. 09-197

Comment Date: April 8, 2013

Reply Comment Date: April 23, 2013

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed by Amerimex Communications Corp. (Amerimex)¹ for limited designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the provision of Lifeline service and a request filed by i-wireless LLC (i-wireless) to amend its designated service area as a low-income ETC.² Amerimex 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.³ i-wireless requests an amendment to its designated service area in Florida as an ETC for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline service.⁴

¹ See Amerimex Communications Corp. Petition for Limited Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, New Hampshire, North Carolina, New York, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Florida, the District of Columbia, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed Feb. 22, 2013) (Amerimex Petition). The Wireline Competition Bureau has approved Amerimex's compliance plan. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Approves the Compliance Plans of Airvoice Wireless, Amerimex Communications et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42, 27 FCC Rcd 15927 (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 i-wireless Request to Amend Designated Service Area in the State of Florida, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed Feb. 21, 2013) (i-wireless FL Modification Petition). The Commission has designated i-wireless as an ETC for the provision of Lifeline services in the states of Florida, New Hampshire, North Carolina, New York, Tennessee, Virginia, Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, and the District of Columbia. See *Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 09-197, 27 FCC Rcd 6263 (2012).

³ Amerimex Petition at 1-2.

⁴ i-wireless FL Modification Petition at 1-2. In the i-wireless FL Modification Petition, i-wireless claims that the AT&T service area was inadvertently omitted from the list of approved service areas in Florida when the Commission granted ETC designation to i-wireless in the state of Florida. See *id.* at 2. The i-wireless FL Modification Petition requests the Commission to expand i-wireless' designated service area in Florida to include the AT&T service areas, excluding Tribal areas. See *id.*

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).⁵

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
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- 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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⁵ See 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419; *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

⁶ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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

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