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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON ASSIST 123’S REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF A DECISION BY THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

WC Docket No. 06-122

Comment Date: April 26, 2013

Reply Comment Date: May 13, 2013

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a request for review filed by Assist 123, LLC (Assist).[[1]](#footnote-1) Assist seeks review of a February 18, 2013 decision by the Universal Service Administrative Company rejecting Assist’s August 2012 and November 2012 FCC Forms 499-Q as untimely and waiver of the Commission’s rules regarding the filing deadline for revisions to FCC Form 499-Q.[[2]](#footnote-2)

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules,[[3]](#footnote-3) interested parties may file comments on or before April 26, 2013 and reply comments on or before May 13, 2013. All pleadings are to reference WC Docket 06-122. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.[[4]](#footnote-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.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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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 Additional Copies. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to each of the following:

* Charles Eberle, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B432, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Charles.Eberle@fcc.gov; and
* 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.

 Ex Parte Rules. The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s ex parte rules.[[5]](#footnote-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.

For further information, please contact Charles Eberle, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484, or Charles.Eberle@fcc.gov.

1. Request for Review of a Decision by the Universal Service Administrator and Request for Waiver by Assist 123, LLC, WC Docket No. 96-45 (filed Mar. 13, 2013). Although Assist 123 submitted its request for review in WC Docket No. 96-45, comments to this Public Notice should be submitted in WC Docket No. 06-122. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Id. at 1-2. USAC issued two separate letters on February 18, 2013, that rejected the August 2012 FCC Form 499-Q and the November 2012 FCC Form 499-Q, respectively. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)