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COMMENT DEADLINES EXTENDED IN SPECIAL ACCESS PROCEEDING

WC Docket No. 05-25
RM-10593

New Comment Date: April 6, 2015

New Reply Comment Date: May 18, 2015

On December 11, 2012, the Commission adopted a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking requiring providers and purchasers of special access and certain entities providing “best efforts” service to submit data and information for a comprehensive evaluation of the special access market.¹ In the *Special Access FNPRM*, the Commission sought comment on possible changes to its rules for granting pricing flexibility for the special access services provided by incumbent local exchange carriers in price cap areas.² The Commission invited interested parties to provide such comments after the Commission collected data for the market analysis to enable commenters to include analysis of such data in their comments.³

In the *Data Collection Order*, the Commission delegated authority to the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) to implement the collection and obtain Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).⁴ On August 15, 2014, the Commission obtained OMB’s approval for the collection subject to changes.⁵ On September 15, 2014, the Bureau released an order amending the collection to reflect OMB’s approval and announced a December 15, 2014 deadline by which parties are required to submit data and information.⁶ Because collection of the data must be

¹ See generally *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 16318 (2012) (*Data Collection Order* or *Special Access FNPRM*).

² *Id.* at 16352, para. 80.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* at 16340, para. 52.

⁵ See Notice of Office of Management and Budget Action for OMB Control No. 3060-1197 (Aug. 15, 2014), available at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201311-3060-001#.

⁶ *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Order on Reconsideration, DA 14-1327 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Sept. 15, 2014).

completed and made available for review before parties can comment on the remaining questions posed in the *Special Access FNPRM*, the Bureau extends the deadline for filing comments and reply comments.⁷ The new comment date is April 6, 2015, and the new reply comment date is May 18, 2015.

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⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 0.91(m). The Bureau had previously set the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments regarding pricing flexibility rule changes for October 6, 2014, and November 17, 2014. *Comment Deadlines Extended In Special Access Proceeding*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 2153 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014).