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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU OPENS NEW DOCKET FOR THE FILING OF ANNUAL LIFELINE ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER CERTIFICATIONS, FCC FORM 555

WC Docket No. 14-171

In this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau opens a new docket for eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) to file their annual certifications demonstrating compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline program rules.¹ Opening a new docket will enable the public to more easily access carrier filings. This docket will be used for the annual filing due on January 31, 2015 and for filings due in subsequent years.

The newly revised FCC Form 555 can be found on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) website.² The completed FCC form 555 must be filed in both WC Docket No. 14-171 and with USAC.³

Filing Procedures

Carriers' certifications, **to be filed on or before January 31, 2015**, must reference WC Docket No. 14-171. The report may be filed using: 1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or (2) by filing paper copies. *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 21,121 (May 1, 1998).

- 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. 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 *See Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 11-42 et al. Report and Order and Further Notice of Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 6656, 6721-22, para. 148 (2012); 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.416, 54.405(e)(3).

² *See* USAC, *Forms*, available at <http://usac.org/li/tools/forms/default.aspx>.

³ *See* USAC, *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form Instructions*, available at http://usac.org/_res/documents/li/pdf/forms/2014/FCC-Form-555-Instructions.pdf.

- 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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