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COMMENT DATES SET ON WINDSTREAM COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR FORBEARANCE RELIEF FROM COST ASSIGNMENT RULES

WC Docket Nos. 12-61, 07-204, 07-21

Comments Due: March 6, 2014

Reply Comments Due: March 20, 2014

On May 17, 2013, the Commission conditionally granted forbearance to price cap carriers from a set of rules that generally require carriers to assign costs to build and maintain the network and revenues from services provided to specific categories (called the “Cost Assignment Rules”).¹ The grant was expressly conditioned on, among other things, the Wireline Competition Bureau’s approval of a compliance plan to be filed by price cap carriers describing in detail how the price cap carrier would continue to fulfill its statutory and regulatory obligations, as well as the other conditions to the forbearance.² On January 31, 2014, Windstream filed a copy of its compliance plan in WC Docket 12-61.³

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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

¹ *Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Enforcement of Certain Legacy Telecommunications Regulations*, WC Docket No. 12-61, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 7627, 7646-54, paras. 31-51 (2013) (*USTelecom Forbearance Long Order*), *pet. for rev. pending sub nom. Verizon and AT&T v. FCC*, No. 13-1220 (D.C. Cir. filed July 15, 2013).

² *USTelecom Forbearance Long Order*, 28 FCC Rcd at 7651-54, paras. 42-51.

³ Letter from Edward J. Cadieux, Senior Regulatory Counsel, Windstream, to Julie Veach, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket Nos. 12-61, 07-204, 07-21 (filed Jan. 31, 2014).

- 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.

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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.
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For additional information, please contact Marvin Sacks, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, at (202) 418-1520 or via e-mail at Marvin.Sacks@fcc.gov.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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