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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU DISMISSES FOUR PETITIONS FOR WAIVER OF VARIOUS HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE FILING DEADLINES

WC Docket No. 08-71
CC Docket No. 96-45

In this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition announces the dismissal of the following four petitions for waiver of various high-cost universal service filing deadlines:

| Petitioner | Rule(s) in Question | Date Petition Filed |
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| Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc. d/b/a Camellia Communications | USAC filing window and/or 54.307(c) | 8/26/2008 |
| Hargray Telephone Company | 54.301(b) | 1/28/2009 |
| Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc. | NECA Cost Study Window | 12/2/2009 |
| Telenational Communications, Inc. | 54.314(a) | 4/2/2012 |

On November 19, 2013, the Bureau released a public notice listing several pending petitions for waiver of various high-cost universal service filing deadlines.¹ In that public notice, the Bureau noted that each of the petitions was filed at least one year prior to the date of the public notice, and involved filing requirements and funding years that pre-dated the reforms adopted in the 2011 *USF/ICC Transformation Order*.² Additionally, the Bureau noted that no comments or *ex parte* submissions had been filed on these petitions for at least one year.

As part of the Commission's ongoing effort to manage its dockets and reduce backlog,³ the Bureau stated its intent to dismiss each petition without prejudice unless the petitioner, within 45 days of

¹ *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks to Determine Parties' Continuing Interest in Several Petitions for Waiver of Various High-Cost Universal Service Filing Deadlines*, WC Docket No. 10-90, CC Docket No. 96-45, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 15863 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013) (*Public Notice*).

² *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*), *pets. for review pending sub nom. In re: FCC 11-161*, No. 11-9900 (10th Cir. argued Nov. 19, 2013).

³ *Cf. Amendment of Certain of the Commission's Part 1 Rules of Practice and Procedure and Part 0 Rules of Commission Organization*, GC Docket No. 10-44, Report and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 1594, 1604, paras. 23-24 (2011) (termination of dormant proceedings).

the release of the *Public Notice*, stated its continuing interest in pursuing the petition.⁴ The Bureau sent copies of the *Public Notice* to the petitioners at the addresses listed on their petitions.

By virtue of the fact that none of the petitioners listed above came forward within 45 days of the date of the *Public Notice* and stated intent to continue to pursue its respective petition, pursuant to the *Public Notice*,⁵ the above-referenced petitions are dismissed without prejudice.

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⁴ *Public Notice*, 28 FCC Rcd at 15863; *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 1.419.

⁵ *Public Notice*, 28 FCC Rcd at 15863-64.