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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION BY MEDIACOM
COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION FOR DECLARATORY RULING CONCERNING
INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSES IN POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENTS**

WC Docket No. 14-52

Comment Date: May 8, 2014

Reply Comment Date: May 23, 2014

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a petition filed by Mediacom Communications Corporation (Mediacom) on February 19, 2014.¹ Mediacom requests that the Commission state in a declaratory ruling that, under Section 224 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, an indemnification clause in a pole attachment agreement between a cable operator attacher and a utility pole owner that imposes asymmetric and nonreciprocal indemnification liability for negligence on the part of the attaching party, is not a “just and reasonable” term and condition of attachment.² Mediacom requests that the Commission issue a declaratory ruling to terminate a controversy and remove uncertainty in the context of Iowa state court tort litigation.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).

- **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.

¹ Petition for Declaratory Ruling of Mediacom Communications Corporation (Mediacom), WC Docket No. 14-52 (filed Feb.19, 2014) (Petition); 47 C.F.R. § 1.2.

² *See* Petition at 1; 47 U.S.C. § 224(b)(1).

³ Petition at 1, n.3; *Maribel Romero v. Interstate Power and Light, Interstate Power and Light v. MCC Iowa LLC*, Iowa District Court for Johnson County, Case No. LACV 075505.

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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.

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