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## COMMENT CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING SEPARATIONS FREEZE EXTENSION

CC Docket No. 80-286

**Comment Date: April 16, 2014**

**Reply Comment Date: April 23, 2014**

On March 27, 2014, the Commission released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on extending, until June 30, 2017, the current freeze of jurisdictional separations category relationships and cost allocation factors in Part 36 of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup> The *Further Notice* also seeks comment on a proposal to direct the Wireline Competition Bureau to open a filing "window" to encourage (but not require) rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carriers that desire waivers of the category relationships freeze to file petitions for waiver during the window.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission set the comment and reply comment deadlines for the *Further Notice* as 14 and 21 days, respectively, after the publication of a summary of the *Further Notice* in the Federal Register. On April 2, 2014, a summary of the *Further Notice* appeared in the Federal Register.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, **comments are due on or before April 16, 2014, and reply comments are due on or before April 23, 2014.**

For comment filing requirements, please consult the *Further Notice*.<sup>4</sup> For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Greg Haledjian, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1520, or [gregory.haledjian@fcc.gov](mailto:gregory.haledjian@fcc.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations*, CC Docket No. 80-286, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 14-27 (rel. Mar. 27, 2014) (*Further Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> See *Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Joint Board FNPRM*, 79 Fed. Reg. 18498 (Apr. 2, 2014).

<sup>4</sup> See *Further Notice*, FCC 14-27 at para. 18.