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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITIONS FOR WAIVER FILED IN THE RURAL CALL COMPLETION PROCEEDING

WC Docket No. 13-39

Comment Date: May 12, 2014
Reply Comment Date: May 19, 2014

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on two petitions for limited waiver of the recordkeeping, retention, and reporting requirements adopted in the *Rural Call Completion Order*¹ filed by Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) on January 24, 2014,² and by AT&T Services, Inc. (AT&T) on April 10, 2014.³ Midcontinent seeks a waiver pursuant to section 1.3 of the Commission's rules, asserting that it will suffer significant hardship absent a waiver and that it is committed to ensuring that calls to rural customers are completed.⁴ AT&T seeks a waiver pursuant to paragraphs 95-97 of the *Rural Call Completion Order*, which apply to covered providers that qualify for the Managing Intermediate Providers Safe Harbor.⁵

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 on the first page of this document. 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 *Rural Call Completion*, WC Docket No. 13-39, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 28 FCC Rcd 16154 (2013) (*Rural Call Completion Order*).

² Request for Waiver of Midcontinent Communications, WC Docket No. 13-39 (filed Jan. 24, 2014) (Midcontinent Petition), <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7521067553>.

³ Petition for Limited Waiver of AT&T Services, Inc., WC Docket No. 13-39 (filed Apr. 10, 2014) (AT&T Petition), <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7521097836>.

⁴ Midcontinent Petition at i, 10-11; see also 47 C.F.R. §1.3.

⁵ AT&T Petition at 1 & n.1; see also *Rural Call Completion Order*, 28 FCC Rcd at 16194-95, paras. 95-97.

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