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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON TEXAS LECS PETITION FOR LIMITED AND EXPEDITED WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION REVENUE RECOVERY RULES FOR RATE-OF-RETURN CARRIERS

CC Docket No. 01-92; WC Docket Nos. 07-135, 10-90

Comment Date: July 28, 2014

Reply Comment Date: August 12, 2014

On March 14, 2014, Big Bend Telephone Company, Brazoria Telephone Company, Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Industry Telephone Company, Livingston Telephone Company, Inc., Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Riviera Telephone Company, Inc., and Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (jointly referred to herein as Texas LECs) filed a petition for limited and expedited waiver of section 51.917(c) of the Commission's rules. Section 51.917(b) requires that 2011 Rate-of-Return Carrier Base Period Revenue consist of, among other things, Fiscal Year 2011 revenues from Transitional Intrastate Access Service received by March 31, 2012. Specifically, the Texas LECs seek a waiver "to include amounts owed to the Company by Halo Wireless, Inc. ("Halo") in Fiscal Year 2011 in its Carrier Base Period Revenues."

Pursuant to section 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the dates indicated above. Comments may be filed by paper copies or by 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/.
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¹ Petition of Big Bend Telephone Company, Brazoria Telephone Company, Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Industry Telephone Company, Livingston Telephone Company, Inc., Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Riviera Telephone Company, Inc., and Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Limited Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 51.917(c), CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, WT Docket No. 10-208 (filed Mar. 14, 2014) (Texas LECs Petition). The rule to which the Texas LECs refer in their waiver petition, 47 C.F.R. § 51.917(c), is now numbered as 47 C.F.R. § 51.917(b)(7)(ii).

² Texas LECs Petition at 2.

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.