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

**WC Docket No. 13-39**

**Comment Date: November 17, 2015**

**Reply Comment Date: November 25, 2015**

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed by AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of itself and its operating affiliates (AT&T), on November 2, 2015,[[1]](#footnote-2) seeking a limited waiver of the recordkeeping, retention, and reporting requirements adopted in the *Rural Call Completion Order*.[[2]](#footnote-3) Specifically, AT&T seeks an additional three months to file its rural call completion report for third quarter 2015, which was due on November 2, 2015.[[3]](#footnote-4)

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).

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1. Petition for Waiver of AT&T Services Inc, WC Docket No. 13-39 (filed Nov. 2, 2015) (AT&T Petition), <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=60001332593>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *See generally Rural Call Completion*, WC Docket No. 13-39, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 28 FCC Rcd 16154 (2013); *see also* 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.2103-64.2105. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. AT&T Petition at 1. The Wireline Competition Bureau previously granted AT&T a six-month waiver for all recording, retention, and reporting requirements to allow for system changes required to implement AT&T’s sampling methodology. *See Rural Call Completion*, *Petition for Limited Waiver of AT&T Services, Inc.*, *Petition for Waiver of CenturyLink*, WC Docket No. 13-39, Order, 30 FCC Rcd 996 (2015). Pursuant to the waiver, AT&T’s initial quarterly report was due on November 2, 2015. The waiver also required AT&T to fully comply with the recordkeeping, retention, and reporting rules for the traffic of AT&T’s affiliate operating under the Cricket brand until the traffic was migrated onto AT&T’s core network. *Id.* at 1010, para. 39. According to AT&T, all Cricket traffic has been migrated as of third quarter 2015. AT&T Petition at 2 n.8. As a result, Cricket filed its last report on November 2, 2015, and is not included within the scope of this waiver request. *Id.*  [↑](#footnote-ref-4)