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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON ALABAMA LECS PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION’S INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION REVENUE RECOVERY RULES FOR RATE-OF-RETURN CARRIERS**

**CC Docket No. 01-92; WC Docket No. 10-90**

**Comment Date: May 27, 2015**

**Reply Comment: June 8, 2015**

On April 28, 2015, Blountsville Telephone LLC, Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC, Hopper Telecommunications LLC, Otelco Telephone LLC, and Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc. (collectively the “Alabama LECs”) filed a joint petition for limited waiver of section 51.917(b) of the Commission’s rules.[[1]](#footnote-1) Specifically, the Alabama LECs “seek to include amounts owed by Halo Wireless, Inc. (“Halo”) in Fiscal Year 2011 (“FY 2011”) in the [Alabama LECs’] Base Period Revenues (“BPR”).”[[2]](#footnote-2)

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 date 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).

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In order to develop a complete record on the issues presented in the waiver petition, this matter shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.[[3]](#footnote-3) Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must 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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1. Petition of Blountsville Telephone LLC, Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC, Hopper Telecommunications LLC, Otelco Telephone LLC, and Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc. (jointly referred to as the Alabaman LECs) for Limited Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 51.917(b) of the Commission’s Rules, WC Docket No. 10-90, CC Docket No. 01-92 et al. at 1 (filed April 28, 2015) (Alabama LECs Petition). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Id*. at 2(internal citations omitted). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq*. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)