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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINES FOR FILING COMMENTS AND REPLIES REGARDING NEW YORK STATE'S PETITION FOR EXPEDITED WAIVER OF THE CONNECT AMERICA PHASE II AUCTION RULES

WC Docket No. 10-90

Comments Due: October 24, 2016 Replies Due: October 31, 2016

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a petition for expedited waiver of the Connect America Phase II (Phase II) auction rules filed by New York State (New York). Specifically, New York requests that the Commission waive its Phase II auction rules to make available to New York the amount of Phase II model-based support (approximately \$170.4 million) that Verizon declined in the state so that the support can be allocated as part of New York's upcoming competitive reverse auction.²

Comments and replies may be filed on or before the dates indicated above using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments and replies may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing ECFS: http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/.
- 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.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

 All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of <u>before</u> entering the building.

¹ New York State Petition for Expedited Waiver, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. (filed October 12, 2016) (New York Petition). The Commission adopted a framework for the Phase II auction in May 2016. *Connect America et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 5949 (2016).

² New York Petition at 7.

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This proceeding is a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules.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.

Submissions will be publically available online via ECFS.⁴ These documents will also be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, which is located in Room CY-A257 at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

For additional information on this proceeding, contact Heidi Lankau (<u>Heidi.Lankau@fcc.gov</u>) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400.

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³ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 et seq.

⁴ Documents will generally be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat.