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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON VERIZON REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PETITION FOR WAIVER OF COPPER RETIREMENT NOTIFICATION RULES REGARDING THE FORMAT OF THE LIST OF LOCATIONS AT WHICH THE CHANGES WILL OCCUR

GN Docket No. 13-5
WC Docket No. 13-3
RM-11358

Comments Due: January 6, 2017
Reply Comments Due: January 13, 2017

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a Request for Clarification, or in the Alternative, Petition for Waiver of Copper Retirement Notification Rules filed by Verizon.¹ In the Petition, Verizon requests that the Commission clarify that carriers may provide the public notice of copper retirement required by section 51.332 of the Commission's rules to all mandated recipients other than retail customers "with a paper copy of the notice and a hyperlink to a searchable online list of addresses or locations where copper is to be retired in lieu of a paper copy of the address list."² In the alternative, Verizon seeks a waiver of "any requirement that these parties be served with a paper address list when providers instead provide a copy of the notice and a hyperlink to a searchable online list."³

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 above. 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: <https://www.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.

¹ Verizon Request for Clarification, or in the Alternative, Petition for Waiver of Copper Retirement Notification Rules, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., (filed Dec. 15, 2016) (Verizon Petition), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/121598738856/document/12159873885655c1>.

² Verizon Petition at 1.

³ *Id.*

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