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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON GLOBAL TEL*LINK CORPORATION'S PETITION FOR WAIVER OF DEADLINE TO IMPLEMENT RULE 64.6100(a) FOR PRISONS

WC Docket No. 12-375

Comments Due: January 25, 2016 Replies Due: February 1, 2016

On January 8, 2016, Global Tel*Link Corporation (GTL) filed a petition seeking "a temporary waiver of the March 17, 2016 deadline by which inmate calling service (ICS providers must comply with rule 64.6100(a) for prisons." As stated in the *2015 ICS Order*, rule 64.6100(a) provides that "[n]o provider shall institute a minimum balance requirement for a Consumer to use Debit or Prepaid calling." In its petition, GTL requests a 90 day extension to implement rule 64.6100(a) for prisons so that "implementation corresponds with the deadline for jails." If the waiver were granted, GTL would have until June 20, 2016 to comply with rule 64.6100(a) for both prisons and jails.

Interested parties may file **comments on or before January 25, 2016**, and **reply comments on or before February 1, 2016**. Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file 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 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.

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¹ Petition of Global Tel*Link Corporation for Waiver of Deadline to Implement Rule 64.6100(a) for Prisons, WC Docket No. 12-375 (filed Jan. 8, 2016), http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=60001374219 (GTL Petition).

² Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, WC Docket No. 12-375, Second Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 15-136, at App. A (2015) (2015 ICS Order).

³ GTL Petition at 1.

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.