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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON CHAMPAIGN TELEPHONE COMPANY PETITION FOR WAIVER OF ACCOUNTING RULE

WC Docket No. 17-330

Comment Date: December 19, 2017

Reply Comment Date: January 3, 2018

On November 20, 2017, Champaign Telephone Company (CTC) filed a petition for waiver of “the requirement adopted in the 1980s’ *Cost Separation* proceeding that ‘investments once allocated to nonregulated use may not be reallocated to regulated use,’ consistent with the waiver process contemplated at that time.”¹ CTC states that a waiver would allow it to “allocate its loop investment to regulated costs, which will bring CTC into compliance with the Commission’s 2005 *Wireline Broadband Order*, the Commission’s allocation and tariffing rules” as defined in the *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*, and “will further the Commission’s objective of supporting broadband-capable networks in areas served by rate-of-return carriers.”²

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).

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¹ Petition of Champaign Telephone Company for Waiver of Accounting Rule, WC Docket No. 17-330 (filed Nov. 20, 2017) (CTC Petition) at 1 (citing *Separation of Costs of Regulated Telephone Service from Costs of Nonregulated Activities, et al.*, Order on Further Reconsideration, 3 FCC Rcd 6701, 6705, para. 29 (1988).

² CTC Petition at 1-2.

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*