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## WIRELINER COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PANHANDLE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. REQUEST FOR EXTRAORDINARY RETIREMENT OF ITS FIXED WIRELESS LOCAL LOOP NETWORK

WC Docket No. 17-45

Comment Date: February 24, 2017

With this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on the request of Panhandle Telephone Cooperative (“Panhandle”) for extraordinary retirement of its fixed wireless loop network. On December 8, 2016, Panhandle filed a letter requesting authority to record journal entries to credit Account 3212, Accumulated depreciation, and a corresponding entry to debit Account 1438, Deferred maintenance and retirements, pursuant to Sections 32.2000(g)(4) of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR § 32.2000(g)(4).<sup>1</sup> This request would complete an extraordinary retirement of the company’s investment in its fixed wireless local loop network to deploy both voice and broadband services to customers in remote areas of its study area utilizing LTE technology.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the date 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: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
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- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Shawn Hanson, CEO, Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc., to Matthew DelNero, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (dated December 8, 2016).

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<sup>2</sup> 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*