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ADDITIONAL PARTY SEEKING ACCESS TO DATA AND INFORMATION FILED IN RESPONSE TO THE BUSINESS DATA SERVICES (SPECIAL ACCESS) DATA COLLECTION

WC Docket Nos. 16-143, 05-25; RM-10593

Objections Due by: April 4, 2017

In today's Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces that an additional party seeks access to confidential and highly confidential information submitted in response to the Commission's 2015 business data services (special access) data collection (2015 Collection).

On June 24, 2015, the Bureau released a Public Notice¹ announcing it is ready to receive executed Acknowledgements of Confidentiality (Acknowledgements) from parties seeking access to confidential and highly confidential information submitted in response to the 2015 Collection pursuant to the *Data Collection Protective Order*.² The Bureau has since released additional public notices announcing Acknowledgement filers on a rolling basis.³ By executing an Acknowledgement, each individual certifies that his or her purpose for accessing and using the data is "solely for preparation and conduct" in the business data services rulemaking proceeding.⁴

Pursuant to the *Data Collection Protective Order*, companies that submitted confidential or highly confidential data and information in response to the 2015 Collection have until **April 4, 2017** to object to the disclosure of their data and information to the party listed in the attachment to this Public

¹ See *Wireline Competition Bureau Now Receiving Acknowledgements of Confidentiality Pursuant to Special Access Data Collection Protective Order*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 6421 (WCB 2015).

² *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corp. Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Order and Modified Data Collection Protective Order, 30 FCC Rcd 10027 (WCB 2015); Order and Data Collection Protective Order, 29 FCC Rcd 11657, 11673, Appx. A at para. 5 (WCB 2014) (*Data Collection Protective Order*) (discussing the process for interested parties to gain access to confidential and highly confidential information); see also *Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment; Investigation of Certain Price Cap Local Exchange Carrier Business Data Services Tariff Pricing Plans; Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket Nos. 16-143, 15-247, 05-25, RM-10593, Order, 31 FCC Rcd 7104 (WCB 2016).

³ See *Additional Parties Seeking Access to Data and Information Filed in Response to the Special Access Data Collection*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 10620 (WCB 2015).

⁴ By the terms of the *Data Collection Protective Order*, potential Reviewing Parties assist Participants, which "means any person or entity that has filed, or has a good faith intention to file, material comments in this proceeding." See *Data Collection Protective Order*, 29 FCC Rcd at 11671, Appx. A at para. 1, 11674, Appx. A at para. 8 (defining Participant and discussing restrictions on use).

Notice.⁵ To file an objection with the Commission, an objecting party should use one of the methods described below and serve a copy on the counsel representing, retaining, or employing the objected-to party, or on the objected-to party, within five (5) business days of release of this Public Notice.⁶ Objecting parties should also email a copy of their objection to SpecialAccess@fcc.gov.⁷ Absent the filing of an objection, the requesting party listed in the Attachment will have access to confidential and highly confidential data and information collected once that information is made available by the Bureau.⁸ For additional information regarding the access authorization and objection process, see the *Data Collection Protective Order*.

The Bureau will continue to announce the filing of additional executed Acknowledgements to the extent such Acknowledgments are received after the date of this Public Notice, and will give Submitting Parties an opportunity to object to disclosure of their data and information. The Bureau maintains a list of all parties that have sought access, and been granted access, to confidential and highly confidential data and information, on the following webpage: <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/acknowledgement-confidential-special-access-data-collection>.

- Electronic Filers: Objections may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (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. Because 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 Street, 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 before entering the building.
 - Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
 - U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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For further information, please contact Christopher Koves, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-8209 or via email at Christopher.Koves@fcc.gov.

⁵ See *Data Collection Protective Order*, 29 FCC Rcd at 11673, Appx. A at para. 5.

⁶ See 47 CFR § 1.47.

⁷ We will not allow access to data covered by the scope of an objection until the ten business day window for filing challenges to a ruling on the objection has expired without the filing of a challenge. See *Applications of Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc., and Advance/Newhouse Partnership for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations*, MB Docket No. 15-149, Order, 30 FCC Rcd 10360, 10374, para. 26 (2015).

⁸ See *Data Collection Protective Order*, 29 FCC Rcd at 11673, Appx. A at para. 5.

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ATTACHMENT

**Party Filing Acknowledgements Seeking Access to
Confidential and/or Highly Confidential Information**

(As of March 28, 2017)

Party Filing Acknowledgement Date(s) Filed	Name, Position, Firm, Party Represented	Highly Confidential	Confidential
Russell P. Hanser Partner Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP 3/27/2017	Bryan N. Tramont Managing Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP Counsel for CenturyLink and Frontier Communications	X	X