**DA 17-294**

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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS PETITION FOR CLARIFICATION OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF THE CAF PHASE I REQUIREMENT TO IDENTIFY LOCATIONS BY LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE**

**WC Docket No. 10-90**

**Comment Date: April 12, 2017**

**Reply Comment Date: April 19, 2017**

By this Public Notice, we request comment on Alaska Communications Services Groups, Inc.’s (ACS) expedited request for clarification or limited waiver of the requirement to identify its CAF Phase I locations by latitude and longitude.[[1]](#footnote-2) Specifically, ACS requests that the Commission clarify whether ACS has an obligation to provide geocodes for locations to which broadband was deployed using Connect America Fund (“CAF”) Phase I incremental support.[[2]](#footnote-3) To the extent that ACS is required to provide geocodes for CAF Phase I, Round 1 and Round 2 locations, it requests a temporary waiver and an extension until October 31, 2018.[[3]](#footnote-4) ACS estimates there are 2,379 total locations at issue.[[4]](#footnote-5) ACS requests expedited action.[[5]](#footnote-6)

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The proceeding this petition initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.[[6]](#footnote-7) Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

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1. Alaska Communications Petition for Clarification or Limited Waiver of the Geocoded Location Identification Requirements of the Connect America Fund Phase I, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. (filed March 14, 2017) (ACS Petition). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *Id*. at 6-7. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. *Id*. at 12-14. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. ACS estimates there are 2,063 locations from Phase I Round 1 and 316 locations from Phase I Round 2. ACS Petition at 5. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. *Id*. at 14. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.* [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Documents will generally be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)