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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES' PETITION FOR RULING THAT GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS INC. BE TREATED AS THE INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER IN THE ACS OF ANCHORAGE, LLC STUDY AREA PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(h)(2) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT

WC Docket No. 17-181

Comments Due: August 7, 2017
Reply Comments Due: August 21, 2017

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed on June 26, 2017 by Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. (Alaska Communications) pursuant to Section 251(h)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 251(h)(2), and Section 51.223(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 51.223(b). The petition requests that the Commission issue a ruling that General Communications Inc. or its relevant subsidiary, a competitive local exchange carrier (LEC), be treated going forward as the sole incumbent LEC in the study area currently served by ACS of Anchorage LLC, an incumbent LEC owned and operated by Alaska Communications. The petition also requests that the Commission rule that ACS of Anchorage LLC is no longer a dominant carrier and shall cease to be treated as an incumbent LEC in that study area.

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 **August 7, 2017**, and reply comments on or before **August 21, 2017**. All pleadings should reference **WC Docket No. 17-181**. To allow the Commission to consider fully all substantive issues regarding the Petition in as timely and efficient a manner as possible, petitioners and commenters should raise all issues in their initial filings. New issues may not be raised in responses or replies.¹ A party or interested person seeking to raise a new issue after the pleading cycle has closed must show good cause why it was not possible for it to have raised the issue previously. Submissions after the pleading cycle has closed that seek to raise new issues based on new facts or newly discovered facts should be filed within 15 days after such facts are discovered. Absent such a showing of good cause, any issues not timely raised may be disregarded by the Commission.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.² Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting

¹ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).

² See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket number.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. 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, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 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, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

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