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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON ALASKA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION PETITION FOR CLARIFICATION AND WAIVER OF LIFELINE MINIMUM SERVICE STANDARDS

WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 09-197, and 10-90

Comment Date: February 12, 2018
Reply Comment Date: February 26, 2018

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the Alaska Telephone Association's (ATA) petition for clarification and waiver of certain Lifeline minimum service standards.¹ In its petition, ATA requests that the Commission clarify and waive certain Commission rules relating to the Lifeline minimum service standards for mobile broadband service and fixed broadband service in remote areas in Alaska.²

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the respective dates indicated above. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>
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¹ See Alaska Telephone Association Petition for Clarification and Waiver of Lifeline Minimum Service Standards, WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 09-197, and 10-90 (filed Dec. 4, 2017) (ATA Petition).

² *Id.* at 2, 9-10. See also 47 CFR §§ 54.408(b)(2)(i), 54.408(d).

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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.³ 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.

For further information, please contact Allison Jones, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1571 or via email at allison.jones@fcc.gov.

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³ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*