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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE PETITION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK SUBMITTED BY HAEFELE TV, INC.

WC Docket No. 09-197

Comment Date: September 20, 2018 Reply Comment Date: October 1, 2018

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on the petition for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the state of New York submitted by Haefele TV, Inc. (Haefele) to become eligible to receive Connect America Fund (CAF) support, as awarded in coordination with the New York's New NY Broadband Program for state and CAF support (New York Program).<sup>1</sup>

Haefele seeks designation as an ETC in all census blocks in the state of New York where it was awarded CAF support through the New York Program. Pursuant to the New York Program, Haefele must serve 667 locations in 97 CAF-eligible census blocks in exchange for an approximate \$1,257,581 in CAF support.<sup>2</sup>

Interested parties may file **comments on or before September 20, 2018** and **replies on or before October 1, 2018**. All pleadings must reference **WC Docket No. 09-197**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Petition of Haefele TV, Inc. for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Status in the State of New York (filed Aug. 17, 2018), <a href="https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10817990712297/Petition%20for%20ETC%20Designation\_Haefele.pdf">https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10817990712297/Petition%20for%20ETC%20Designation\_Haefele.pdf</a>; see also generally Connect America Fund et al., Order, 32 FCC Rcd 968 (2017) (granting a petition filed by New York State seeking waiver of Phase II auction program rules to allow use of CAF support in CAF-eligible areas in New York in coordination with New NY Broadband Program).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces FCC Deadlines for New York Broadband Program Winning Bidders, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 18-510, Attach. A (rel. May 18, 2018) (summarizing estimated CAF awards of winning bidders participating in the New York Program).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail. US postal service mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20554.

Additional Copies. Parties should send a copy of their filings to Nissa Laughner, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B444, Washington D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to Nissa Laughner@fcc.gov.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.1206.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id.* § 1.2016(b)(2)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id.* § 1.206(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Id*.

<sup>8</sup> Id. § 1.1206(b)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Id.* § 1.1206(b)(2)(i); see also id. § 1.49(f).

For additional information on this proceeding, please contact Nissa Laughner (<u>Nissa.Laughner@fcc.gov</u>) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400.

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