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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS TO DETERMINE PARTIES' CONTINUING INTEREST IN SEVERAL PETITIONS FOR WAIVER OF VARIOUS HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE FILING DEADLINES

WC Docket No. 10-90
WC Docket No. 09-197
WC Docket No. 05-337
CC Docket No. 96-45

Deadline for Responses: April 26, 2019

The Wireline Competition Bureau has pending before it several petitions for waiver of various high-cost universal service filing deadlines. Each of these petitions was filed at least one year prior to the date of this Public Notice and no comments or *ex parte* submissions have been filed on these petitions for at least one year. As part of the Commission's ongoing effort to manage its dockets and reduce backlog,¹ and in an effort to avoid the need to address issues unnecessarily, the Bureau seeks to assess the parties' continuing interests in these requests. We therefore plan to dismiss each petition listed below without prejudice unless the petitioner comes forward within 45 days of the date of this Public Notice to state that it intends to pursue the petition. The Bureau is sending copies of this Public Notice to the petitioners at the addresses listed on their petitions.

These petitions and related information are listed below:

Petitioner	Petitions	Date Petition Filed
Madison River Telephone Company, LLC, MebTel, Inc., d/b/a MebTel Communications, MebTel Long Distance Solutions, Inc., and Bell South Telecommunications, Inc., Bell South Long Distance, Inc.	Joint Petition for Waiver of the Definition of "Study Area" of the Appendix-Glossary of Part 36 of the Commission's Rules; Petition for Waiver of Section 690.3(e)(11) of the Commission's Rules	8/15/2006

¹ Cf. *Amendment of Certain of the Commission's Part 1 Rules of Practice and Procedure and Part 0 Rules of Commission Organization*, GC Docket No. 10-44, Report and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 1594, 1604, paras. 23-24 (2011) (termination of dormant proceedings).

Petitioner	Petitions	Date Petition Filed
TDS Telecommunications Corp., FairPoint Communications, Inc., and Burke's Garden Telephone Company (Rural ILECs)	Petition for Revocation of Sprint/Nextel's Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Virginia	6/04/2007
Michigan Access, Inc.	Emergency Petition for Waiver of the Commission's Rules to Designate Michigan Access an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in Two Unserved Areas in Northeast Michigan; Petition for Waivers of the Commission's Rules to Allow New Local Exchange Carrier to Participate in NECA Tariffs and Pools and Obtain Accelerated USF Support	9/30/2009
Worldcall Interconnect, Inc. (WCX)	Application for Review of the Bureau's Denial of WCX's Petition for ETC Status in New York State	5/27/2011
Dell Telephone Cooperative	Application for Review of the Bureau's order dismissing without prejudice Dell Telephone's petition for waiver certain universal service rules adopted in <i>USF/ICC Transformation Order</i>	5/30/2013

Pursuant to section 1.419 of the Commission's rules, any petitioner intending to pursue its petition must file a letter stating that on or before the date indicated above.² The letter should reference **WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337, 09-137** and **CC Docket No. 96-45**, as appropriate, and may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

- Electronic Filers: Letters may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Because more than one docket number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for the additional docket 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 St., 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.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.419.

- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

In addition, a copy of each letter should be sent to:

- Lauren Garry, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 4-C405, Washington, DC 20554; e-mail: Lauren.Garry@fcc.gov.

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The proceedings this Public Notice initiates shall be treated as “permit-but-disclose” proceedings 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 these proceedings should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

For further information, please contact Lauren Garry, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-0942 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*