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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS
INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION'S PETITION FOR FORBEARANCE FROM USF
CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS**

WC Docket No. 19-232

Comments or Oppositions Due: September 16, 2019

Reply Comments Due: October 1, 2019

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed by Network Communications International Corporation (NCIC).¹ NCIC requests forbearance from the application of Universal Service Fund contribution requirements set forth in Section 254(d) of the Act and Section 54.706 of the Commission's rules with respect to the provision of interstate and international inmate calling services.²

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments or oppositions to the NCIC Petition on or before September 16, 2019 and reply comments on or before October 1, 2019. Comments and oppositions should reference WC Docket No. 19-232 and may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.³

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments 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. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking 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.

¹ Petition for Forbearance of Network Communications International Corporation, WC Docket No. 19-232 (filed August 9, 2019).

² *Id.* at 1 and Appendix A. NCIC requests forbearance for all Inmate Calling Service Providers, as defined by 47 CFR § 64.6000(s).

³ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1999).

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.

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For further information, please contact Claudia Fox, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484, or Claudia.Fox@fcc.gov.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*