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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU REMINDS PARTIES OF DEADLINES FOR FILING AND COMMENTING ON APPLICATION FOR REVIEW FILED BY THE NATIONAL LIFELINE ASSOCIATION

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

On November 16, 2020, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued an Order addressing the petition of the National Lifeline Association (NaLA) seeking a waiver of the Commission's rules updating the Lifeline program's minimum service standard for mobile broadband usage and seeking to halt the phase-down of the support amount for Lifeline service that does not meet the broadband minimum standard.<sup>1</sup> On December 16, 2020, the National Lifeline Association (NaLA) filed an application for review of the Bureau's *2020 MSS Order*.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, the Bureau takes this opportunity to remind parties of the deadlines for filing and commenting on applications for review. Applications for review of action taken pursuant to delegated authority must be filed within 30 days of public notice of such action.<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, oppositions to an application for review shall be filed within 15 days after the application for review is filed, and replies to oppositions shall be filed within 10 days after the opposition is filed.<sup>4</sup> As a result, oppositions to the NaLA application for review are due no later than **December 31, 2020** and replies to oppositions are due no later than **January 11, 2021**.<sup>5</sup>

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document.

*Filing Requirements.* All filings must refer to **WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 09-197, and 10-90**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).<sup>6</sup>

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

<sup>1</sup> Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al., WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Order, DA 20-1358 (WCB Nov. 16, 2020) (*2020 MSS Order*).

<sup>2</sup> Application for Review of the National Lifeline Association, WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 09-197, 10-90 (filed Dec. 16, 2020).

<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 1.115(d).

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<sup>5</sup> Because the 15th day falls on a Sunday (January 10, 2021), oppositions are due the following Monday (January 11, 2021). 47 CFR § 1.4(j).

<sup>6</sup> See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
  - Filings can be sent 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.
  - Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington DC 20554.
  - Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.<sup>7</sup>

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*Ex Parte Rules.* This proceeding shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.<sup>8</sup> 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 presenters 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 section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules. In proceedings governed by section 1.49(f) of the rules 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).<sup>9</sup> Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

For further information regarding this proceeding, please contact John Lockwood, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at [John.Lockwood@fcc.gov](mailto:John.Lockwood@fcc.gov).

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<sup>7</sup> See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2788 (Mar. 19, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

<sup>8</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* § 1.1206(b).