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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR RULEMAKING AND PETITION FOR WAIVER FILED BY THE CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE II COALITION REGARDING CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE II LETTER OF CREDIT RULES

WC Docket No. 10-90
RM-11853

Comment Date: April 13, 2020

Reply Comment Date: April 28, 2020

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a Request for Waiver¹ and Petition for Rulemaking² filed by the Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II Coalition requesting that the Commission waive section 54.315(c) of its rules to allow recipients of universal service high-cost support awarded in the CAF Phase II auction to comply instead with the recently adopted letter of credit provisions of section 54.804(c) and initiate a rulemaking proceeding to update section 54.315(c) to align the letter of credit requirements for recipients of CAF Phase II support with those of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support recipients.

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated on the first page of this document.³ All filings must refer to **RM-11853** and **WC Docket No. 10-90**.⁴ Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁵

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Commission's online Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

¹ Request for Waiver of the CAF II Coalition, WC Docket No. 10-90 (March 10, 2020), [https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10310008159997/CAF%20II%20Coalition%20Request%20for%20Waiver%20\(3-10-2020\).pdf](https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10310008159997/CAF%20II%20Coalition%20Request%20for%20Waiver%20(3-10-2020).pdf).

² Petition for Rulemaking of the CAF II Coalition (March 10, 2020), [https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/103102911402872/CAF%20II%20Coalition%20Petition%20for%20Rulemaking%20\(3-10-2020\).pdf](https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/103102911402872/CAF%20II%20Coalition%20Petition%20for%20Rulemaking%20(3-10-2020).pdf).

³ See 47 CFR §§ 1.2, 1.405, and 1.419.

⁴ All filings relating to this Public Notice should refer *only* to the dockets listed above.

⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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 Street, 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 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

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⁶ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*