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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, LLC'S REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF USF CONTRIBUTIONS OBLIGATIONS FOR ICS PROVIDERS

WC Docket No. 19-232

Comments or Oppositions Due: April 10, 2020

Reply Comments Due: April 17, 2020

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a request for waiver filed by Securus Technologies, LLC (Securus).¹ Securus requests an immediate waiver from the application of Universal Service Fund (USF) contribution obligations as set forth in Section 54.706 of the Commission's rules with respect to inmate calling services (ICS) providers on an interim basis.² Securus also requests that the Commission expeditiously grant the petition for forbearance filed by Network Communications International Corporation in order to extend relief from USF contribution obligations to ICS providers on a permanent basis.³

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 Securus Waiver Request on or before April 10, 2020 and reply comments on or before April 17, 2020. 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.⁴

- *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.

¹ Securus Technologies, LLC, Emergency Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 19-232 (filed March 18, 2020), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/103181544924416/Securus%20Emergency%20Waiver%20Request%20and%20Written%20Ex%20Parte%20on%20NCIC%20Petition.pdf> (Securus Waiver Request).

² *Id.* at 1, 4-6.

³ *Id.*

⁴ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1999).

Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail.⁵ 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 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.
- *People with Disabilities*: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

Ex Parte Rules. The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁶ 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 in *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 this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

For further information, please contact Negheen Sanjar, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at negheen.sanjar@fcc.gov or (202) 418-7400.

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⁵ In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FCC has closed its current hand-delivery filing location at FCC Headquarters. We encourage outside parties to take full advantage of the Commission's electronic filing system. Any party that is unable to meet the filing deadline due to the building closure may request a waiver of the comment or reply comment deadline, to the extent permitted by law. *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand Delivery Filing*, Public Notice, DA 20-304 (rel. Mar. 19, 2020).

⁶ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*