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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. PETITION FOR WAIVER OF RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND PHASE I ELIGIBLE AREA RULES

WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 19-126

Comment Date: April 21, 2020

Reply Comment Date: April 28, 2020

The Wireline Competition Bureau, in coordination with the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force and the Office of Economics and Analytics, seeks comment on a petition filed by Charter Communications, Inc. (Charter) requesting waiver of the Commission's census block eligibility criteria for the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I auction in order to exclude from eligibility census blocks in New York in which Charter will deploy broadband service to satisfy its commitments to the state.¹

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

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

In addition, we request that one copy of each pleading be sent to each of the following:

¹ Charter Communications, Inc. Petition for Waiver, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 19-126 (filed Apr. 10, 2020); *see also* Letter from Elizabeth Andron, Senior Vice President, Charter Communications, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 19-126 (filed Apr. 13, 2020) (retracting its April 10 request for confidentiality of Exhibit A, which lists the census blocks at issue).

² 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).

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Additional Information. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Ian Forbes, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Ian.Forbes@fcc.gov or at 202-418-7400.

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³ Documents will generally be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat.

⁴ See 47 CFR § 1.1206.

⁵ *Id.* § 1.2016(b)(2)(iii).

⁶ *Id.* § 1.206(b)(1).

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.* § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁹ *Id.* § 1.1206(b)(2)(i); see also *id.* § 1.49(f).