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COMMENTS SOUGHT TO REFRESH THE RECORD IN THE 2012 CONTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY REFORM PROCEEDING WITH REGARD TO ONE-WAY VOIP SERVICE PROVIDERS

WC Docket No. 06-122
GN Docket No. 09-51

Comment Date: July 13, 2020
Reply Comment Date: July 27, 2020

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau invites interested parties to update the record in the *2012 Contributions Reform Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* as it pertains to whether the Commission should exercise its permissive authority under section 254(d) to include in the contribution base revenues derived from the provision of “one-way” voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services.¹ We incorporate by reference comments previously filed on this issue in response to the 2012 further notice, and we seek updated responses to the questions posed in that proceeding to ensure that the record reflects current viewpoints and includes any new developments in the VoIP marketplace. We also seek comment on whether such services should be required to pay other fees applicable to interconnected VoIP services, such as regulatory fees. We encourage commenters to provide specific data to support their analysis.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments in this proceeding on or before **July 13, 2020** and reply comments on or before **July 27, 2020**. Comments should reference WC Docket Nos. 06-122; GN Docket No. 09-51 and may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.²

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- *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 *Universal Service Contribution Methodology A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, WC Docket No. 06-122, GN Docket No. 09-51, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 5357, 5386-89, paras. 57-64 (2012).

² See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1999).

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- 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. *See* FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy, Public Notice, DA 20-304 (March 19, 2020). <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>
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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*