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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON COMCAST PETITION FOR WAIVER REGARDING ITS LIFT ZONE INITIATIVE

CC Docket No. 02-6

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition for waiver filed by Comcast Corporation and its affiliates (Comcast) requesting that the Federal Communications Commission waive certain E-Rate rules to allow it to conduct a pilot program with several libraries to expand its “Lift Zone” initiative.¹ Comcast states that its Lift Zone initiative is designed to address the Homework Gap and the digital divide by setting up safe places where students and members of the community may use Internet services to participate in remote learning and complete homework assignments.² Comcast proposes to partner with seven selected library systems to establish Lift Zones and will provide the libraries with: (1) complimentary Business Internet connection; (2) business-grade, high capacity Wi-Fi Pro service which simplifies the set-up and management of the Wi-Fi network; and (3) Security Edge service which protects Lift Zone users from cyberthreats and inappropriate content.³ Comcast is requesting a waiver of sections 54.503(d)(1) and 54.523 of the Commission’s rules,⁴ and any other Commission rules necessary, to be able to establish Lift Zones at these selected library systems.

Filing Instructions. 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.⁵ All filings should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6. Comments may be filed by paper or by using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing 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 Petition for Waiver of Comcast Corporation, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 12, 2021), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/10512183336582>.

² *Id.* at 1-2.

³ *Id.* at 6

⁴ 47 CFR §§ 54.503(d)(1), 54.523.

⁵ See 47 CFR § 1.4(j) (filing dates that would otherwise fall on a holiday shall be filed on the next business day).

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 - U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington DC 20554.
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⁶ See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Filing*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2788 (2020). 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.

⁷ See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206.