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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON VERIZON'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF WAIVER OF THE 180-DAY RESERVE NUMBER RULE OF SECTION 52.15(f)(1)(vi)

CC Docket No. 99-200

Comment Date: January 25, 2021

Reply Comment Date: January 29, 2021

On January 8, 2021, Verizon filed a petition for extension of a waiver of section 52.15(f)(1)(vi) of the Commission's rules.¹ Under section 52.15(f)(1)(vi), reserved numbers "are numbers that are held by service providers at the request of specific end users or customers for their future use" but do not include "[n]umbers held for the specific end users or customers for more than 180 days."² In light of the circumstances presented by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, on April 22, 2020, the Wireline Competition Bureau granted a waiver extending the 180-day time period that numbers may be held in "reserve status" by service providers at the request of business customers for their future use to 360 days, and did so for wireless numbers placed or maintained in reserved status until September 30, 2020.³ Verizon now seeks an extension of that waiver such that numbers placed into reserved status between April 22, 2020 and June 30, 2021 would be eligible for the 360-day reserved period.⁴ We seek comment on Verizon's request.

Filing Requirements. Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the dates indicated above. 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 the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>.

¹ Petition of Verizon for Extension of Limited Waiver, CC Docket No. 99-200 (filed Jan. 8, 2021), [https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/101081385326933/VZ%20COVID-19%20Waiver%20Extension%20Petition%20\(FINAL%20As%20Filed%2001-08-2021\).pdf](https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/101081385326933/VZ%20COVID-19%20Waiver%20Extension%20Petition%20(FINAL%20As%20Filed%2001-08-2021).pdf) (Verizon Petition).

² 47 CFR § 52.15(f)(1)(vi).

³ *Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 3705, 3705 (WCB 2020).

⁴ Verizon Petition at 3-4.

- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
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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, 20-304 (March 19, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

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⁵ See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200(a) *et seq.*

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