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**THE OFFICE OF NATIVE AFFAIRS AND POLICY AND THE WIRELINE
COMPETITION BUREAU SEEK COMMENT ON HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS
LLC TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT PETITION**

WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 09-197

Comment Date: August 13, 2021

Reply Comment Date: August 30, 2021

The Office of Native Affairs and Policy and the Wireline Competition Bureau seek comment on Hughes Network Systems, LLC's request for an extension of time to comply with its Tribal engagement obligations as a recipient of Connect America Fund Phase II support via the New NY Broadband Program in the State of New York.¹

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 and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Commission's online Electronic Comment Filing System (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.
- **Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail.** 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) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington DC 20554.
 - 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-19.²

¹ See Petition of Hughes Network Systems, LLC, Petition for Extension of Time, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 09-197 (filed July 1, 2021), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1070135419003/Hughes%20Tribal%20Extension%20Petition.pdf>.

² FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy, Public Notice, 35 FCC Red 2788 (OMD 2020).

Ex Parte Rules. This proceeding shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.³ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentations within two business days after the presentations (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 *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.

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³ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*