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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING FILED BY T-MOBILE

WC Docket No. 18-143

Comment Due Date: May 2, 2022

Reply Comment Due Date: May 9, 2022

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed on April 7, 2022 by T-Mobile USA, Inc. (T-Mobile).¹ In its Petition, T-Mobile seeks clarification that the Bringing Puerto Rico Together Fund² and the Connect USVI Fund permit it to use Stage 2 mobile support for the deployment of distributed antenna systems, which T-Mobile states would further the Commission's goal to make networks more resilient to future disasters.

Filing Requirements. Pursuant to sections 1.405 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.405, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. All filings must refer to **WC Docket No. 18-143**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).³

- 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.
 - Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, 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 Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington DC 20554.

¹ Petition for Declaratory Ruling by T-Mobile USA, Inc., WC Docket No. 18-143 (filed Apr. 7, 2022).

² "Bringing Puerto Rico Together" is the English translation of "Uniendo a Puerto Rico."

³ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings at its headquarters. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.⁴

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Ex Parte Rules. The proceeding is considered a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁵ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (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.

For further information, please contact Dangkhwa Nguyen, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, at Dangkhwa.nguyen@fcc.gov.

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⁴ See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2788 (OMD 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

⁵ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*