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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU EXTENDS EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND OCTOBER 30, 2023 INVOICE DEADLINE

### WC Docket No. 21-93

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) is extending the deadline for Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program participants with an October 30, 2023 invoice filing deadline due to a technical issue that might have prevented parties from timely filing.<sup>1</sup> Entities and service providers with an October 30, 2023 invoice filing deadline now have until 7:59 p.m. ET on Friday, November 3, 2023, to submit requests for reimbursement.

On October 31, 2023, the Bureau learned that the ECF Invoice Portal was improperly rejecting timely efforts to submit requests for reimbursement from ECF applicants and service providers with an October 30, 2023 invoice deadline because of a time zone error. Because of this unanticipated technical issue that might have prevented parties from timely submitting requests for reimbursement, the Bureau extends the October 30, 2023 deadline until 7:59 p.m. ET on Friday, November 3, 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission has delegated authority to the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau to resolve unanticipated technical and operational issues relating to the universal service mechanisms (including the E-Rate program) that may arise. *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Third Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 22485, 22488-89, para. 6 (1997). See also *Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries*, WC Docket No. 13-184, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 8870, 8922, para. 133 (2014) (reaffirming this delegation of authority to the Bureau).