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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON ETC PETITION FILED BY SCOTT COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

WC Docket No. 09-197

Comment Date: January 8, 2026

Reply Comment Date: February 9, 2026

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed by Scott County Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (SCTC)¹ seeking designation as a Lifeline and High-Cost Eligible Telecommunications Carrier under Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934. SCTC states that its “request is in connection with its jointly filed domestic Section 214 authorization application to acquire and assume Sunset Digital Communications, LLC’s Connect America Fund Phase II support and obligations for designated census blocks in Virginia (within Study Area Code 199025) and Tennessee (within Study Area Code 299033).”²

Procedural Matters

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). Comments should refer to **WC Docket Nos. 09-197**.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the 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 hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S. Postal Service. **All filings must be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.**
 - Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC’s mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.

¹ Scott County Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for High-Cost Support, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed Sept. 29, 2025), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/109301599800640/1> (SCTC Petition).

² SCTC Petition at 1-2.

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Additional Information. For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Rebekah Douglas at rebekah.douglas@fcc.gov (WCB).

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³ 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*