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CLARIFICATION OF FILING DATES AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

WC Docket Nos. 26-120 & 26-121

Oppositions Due: August 7, 2026 (Petition for Reconsideration) and August 14, 2026 (Applications for Review)

Replies to Oppositions Due: August 14, 2026 (Petition for Reconsideration) and August 24, 2026 (Applications for Review)

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB or Bureau) clarifies the deadlines for filing oppositions and replies to the Petition for Reconsideration (PFR) filed by Nina Beety¹ and the Applications for Review (AFRs) filed by People of the State of California and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)² and by Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), The Utility Reform Network (TURN), and Communications Workers of America (CWA) (jointly RCRC/TURN/CWA) in the above dockets.³ The Bureau also clarifies related service requirements, and addresses the requests for waiver of the service deadline for the AFRs filed by CPUC and RCRC/TURN/CWA.

Background. On May 20, 2026 AT&T Services Inc. filed two applications for the discontinuance of legacy voice service in California, on behalf of its affiliate, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California (AT&T).⁴ On May 29, 2026, the Bureau released a public notice for the applications, which were automatically granted on June 29, 2026 after review of the record in both proceedings.⁵ On

¹ See Petition for Reconsideration of Nina Beety (filed July 28, 2026) (*Beety PFR*) <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/26110063565/1>.

² See Application for Review of California Public Utilities Commission (filed July 29, 2026) (*CPUC AFR*) <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/26110067940/1>.

³ See Application for Review of Rural County Representative of California, The Utility Reform Network, and Communication Workers of America (filed July 29, 2026) (*RCRC/TURN/CWA AFR*) <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/26110068378/1>.

⁴ See Section 63.71 Application of AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliate; Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, WC Docket No. 26-120 (filed May 20, 2026) (*Discontinuance Application*) <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/1052088398339/1>; See also Section 63.71 Application of AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliate; Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, WC Docket No. 26-121 (filed May 20, 2026) (*Discontinuance Application*) <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/1052026865813/1>.

⁵ See *Comments Invited On AT&T's Section 214 Applications To Discontinue Domestic Legacy Voice Service As Part Of A Technology Transition*, WC Docket Nos. 26-120 & 26-121, Public Notice, DA 26-539 (WCB May 29, 2026), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-26-539A1.pdf> (*Discontinuance Public Notice*) (citing 47 CFR § 63.71(f)(1) and stating, in relevant part, that an application filed by a non-dominant carrier “shall be automatically

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July 28, 2026, Nina Beety filed a PFR,⁶ and on July 29, 2026, CPUC and RCRC/TURN/CWA filed AFRs.⁷ On July 30, 2026, CPUC and RCRC/TURN/CWA directly served AT&T with their respective AFRs and filed requests to waive the service deadline because they had inadvertently neglected to serve AT&T's counsel of record on July 29, 2026, pursuant to section 1.115(f) and sections 1.4(a)-(b) of the Commission's rules.⁸ The parties also stated that they would not object to granting AT&T an additional day to file its response.⁹

Filing Deadlines. We clarify that the deadline for filing oppositions to the PFR filed by Nina Beety is **August 7, 2026** and the deadline for filing replies to those oppositions is **August 14, 2026**.¹⁰ Given the parties' issues with service and allowances for a reasonable extension we also clarify that the deadline for filing oppositions to the AFRs filed by CPUC and RCRC/TURN/CWA is **August 14, 2026**, and the deadline for filing replies to those oppositions is **August 24, 2026**.¹¹

Waiver Requests. We grant the requests filed by CPUC and RCRC/TURN/CWA to waive the AFR service deadline because they inadvertently neglected to serve AT&T's counsel of record on July 29, 2026 when their respective AFRs were filed, as required by section 1.115(f) and sections 1.47(a)-(b)

granted on the 31st day... unless the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective").

⁶ See *Beety PFR*, *supra* note 3.

⁷ See *CPUC AFR*, *supra* note 1, and *RCRC/TURN/CWA AFR*, *supra* note 2.

⁸ See Proof of Service of CPUC (filed July 30, 2026) (*CPUC Waiver Request*) <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/26110069071/1>; see WC Docket Nos. 26-120 and 26-121 – Notice Regarding Service of Application for Review and Request for Waiver of RCRC/TURN/CWA (filed July 30, 2026) (*RCRC/TURN/CWA Waiver Request*) <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/26110069111/1>; see also 47 CFR § 1.115(f) (stating that “[t]he application for review shall be served upon the parties to the proceeding.”), 47 CFR § 1.4(a) (which details “...the method for computing the amount of time within which persons...must act in response to deadlines established by the Commission.”), and 47 CFR § 1.4(b) (stating that “[w]here any person is required to serve any document filed with the Commission, service shall be made by that person...on or before the day on which the document is filed.”). We note that, as stated in the *Discontinuance Public Notice*, and consistent with §§ 1.106(f), 1.115(d), and 1.4, for purposes of computation of time when filing a petition for reconsideration, application for review, or petition for judicial review of the Commission's decision, the date of “public notice” shall be the later of the auto grant date stated above in this Public Notice, or the release date of any further public notice or order announcing final Commission action, as applicable.” Since the auto grant date in the *Discontinuance Public Notice* was June 29, 2026, the Applications for Review and Petition for Reconsideration were due 30 days later on July 29, 2026. See *Discontinuance Public Notice* at 2; see also 47 CFR § 1.106(f) (stating that “[t]he petition for reconsideration...shall be filed within 30 days from the date of public notice of the final Commission action, as that date is defined in § 1.4(b) of these rules, and shall be served upon the parties to the proceeding.”), 47 CFR § 1.115(d) (stating that “...the application for review...shall be filed within 30 days of public notice of such action, as that date is defined in § 1.4(b).”), and 47 CFR § 1.4(b) (stating that “the first day to be counted when a period of time begins with an action taken by the Commission...or its staff pursuant to delegated authority is the day after the day on which public notice is given.”).

⁹ See *CPUC Waiver Request* at 1 (stating that “[w]e will not oppose any reasonable request by AT&T for an additional day to respond to the Application for Review resulting from the delayed service.”); see also *RCRC/TURN/CWA Waiver Request* at 1 (stating that, “[b]ecause of the inadvertent delay in service, the CPUC would consent to granting AT&T an additional day to respond to the application for review.”).

¹⁰ See 47 CFR § 1.106(g) (stating that “[o]ppositions to a petition for reconsideration shall be filed within 10 days after the petition is filed...”), and § 1.106 (h) (stating that “[p]etitioner may reply to oppositions within seven days after the last day for filing oppositions...”).

¹¹ See 47 CFR § 1.115(d) (stating that “[o]pposition to the application shall be filed within 15 days after the application for review is filed..., replies to oppositions shall be filed within 10 days after the opposition is filed...”).

of the Commission's rules.¹² Section 1.3 provides that the Commission may waive its rules and requirements where there is "good cause shown" to do so.¹³ Good cause, in turn, may be found "where particular facts would make strict compliance inconsistent with the public interest."¹⁴ A waiver is therefore "appropriate only if special circumstances warrant a deviation from the general rule and such deviation will serve the public interest."¹⁵ We find good cause to waive the AFR service deadline due to the parties' one day, inadvertent delay in serving AT&T. We also find that it is reasonable and appropriate to grant AT&T an extra day to respond to the AFRs in light of the delayed service on AT&T.¹⁶

Service Requirements. We also find good cause to waive *sua sponte* the service requirements in sections 1.106(g)-(h) and 1.115(f) of the Commission's rules¹⁷ associated with the filing of oppositions and replies to the PFR and AFRs and instead allow parties to file such documents electronically in the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) without the need to individually serve all parties and commenters to the proceeding, including persons submitting brief comments without complete contact information. Serving filings related to the PFR and AFRs in these proceedings present special circumstances that warrant a deviation from the general service rules because the rules would unduly burden filers.¹⁸ In this limited circumstance, we find that the filing of oppositions and replies in ECFS will provide a suitable alternative to individualized service. In a similar context, where a proceeding involves 20 or more parties, the Commission allows a public notice to take the place of individualized service by the Commission.¹⁹ Consistent with section 1.47(a), WCB will consider this Public Notice to function as notice of service of the AFRs, PFR, oppositions, and replies upon all of the commenters and interested parties participating in these proceedings.²⁰

¹² See *CPUC Waiver Request* at 1 (citing 47 CFR § 1.115(f), which states that "...[t]he application for review shall be served upon the parties to the proceeding" and 47 CFR § 1.47(a), which states that "[w]here...any person is required by statute...to serve any document upon any person, service shall...be made in accordance with the provisions of this section."); see also *RCRC/TURN/CWA Waiver Request* at 1 (citing 47 CFR § 1.47(b), which states that "[w]here any person is required to serve any document filed with the Commission, service shall be made by that person...on or before the day on which the document is filed," and 47 CFR § 1.3, which states that "[t]he provisions of this chapter may be...waived for good cause shown...").

¹³ See 47 CFR § 1.3 (stating that "[a]ny provision of the rules may be waived by the Commission on its own motion or on petition if good cause therefor is shown.").

¹⁴ *Ne. Cellular Tel. Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990). In making this determination, the Commission may "take into account considerations of hardship, equity, or more effective implementation of overall policy." *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153, 1159 (D.C. Cir. 1969).

¹⁵ *Ne. Cellular Tel. Co.*, 897 F.2d at 1166.

¹⁶ See *CPUC Waiver Request* at 1; see also *RCRC/TURN/CWA Waiver Request* at 1.

¹⁷ See 47 CFR § 1.106(g) (stating that "[o]ppositions to a petition for reconsideration...shall be served upon petitioner and parties to the proceeding."); 47 CFR § 1.106(h) (stating that "[p]etitioner may reply to oppositions..., and any such reply shall be served upon the parties to the proceeding."); 47 CFR § 1.115(f) (stating that "[t]he application for review shall be served upon the parties to the proceeding.").

¹⁸ We note that more than 300 comments were filed by parties to each of these proceedings. See [https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=\(proceedings.name:\(%2226-120%22\)\)](https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=(proceedings.name:(%2226-120%22))); see also [https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=\(proceedings.name:\(%2226-121%22\)\)](https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=(proceedings.name:(%2226-121%22))).

¹⁹ See 47 CFR § 1.47(a) (stating that "[in] proceedings involving a large number of parties, and unless otherwise provided by statute, the Commission may satisfy its service obligation by issuing a public notice that identifies the documents required to be served and that explains how parties can obtain copies of the documents."); *id.* § 1.47(a), note to paragraph (a) (stating that "[t]he Commission expects that service by public notice will be used only in proceedings with 20 or more parties.").

²⁰ See *id.*

Ex Parte Presentations. These proceedings shall be treated as “permit-but-disclose” proceedings in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.²¹ 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.

Filing Procedures. Under the Commission’s current procedures for the submission of filings and other documents, as consistent with the waivers granted herein, interested parties may file oppositions and replies on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Submissions may be filed electronically through the Commission’s ECFS or by filing paper copies. We strongly encourage interested parties to file electronically. **All filings regarding the PFR and AFRs should include the relevant docket numbers established for these proceedings: WC Docket No. 26-120 and/or WC Docket No. 26-121.**

Electronic Filers: Documents may be filed electronically by accessing the ECFS at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting documents. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket numbers, WC Docket No. 26-120 or WC Docket No. 26-121.

Paper Filers: Parties that 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 Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. Filings sent by U.S. Postal Service First-Class, Priority Mail, and Priority Mail Express must be sent to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

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²¹ 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*