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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FILED BY CAROLINA WEST WIRELESS, INC. TO RELINQUISH ETC DESIGNATIONS

WC Docket No. 09-197

Comment Date: September 14, 2026
Reply Comment Date: September 29, 2026

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on Carolina West Wireless, Inc.'s (Carolina West) petition for relinquishment of its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designations in North Carolina, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4).¹ Carolina West seeks relinquishment of its designations (for which it is eligible to receive high cost and Lifeline support) contingent on the approval and consummation of the anticipated acquisition of Carolina West's wireless spectrum holdings and certain other assets by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file comments on or before September 14, 2026, and reply comments on or before September 29, 2026.² All filings must refer to **WC Docket No. 09-197**.³ Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁴

- **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.
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¹ Carolina West Wireless, Inc. Petition for Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed Aug. 24, 2025), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/26110072890/1>.

² See 47 CFR §§ 1.41 and 1.45.

³ All filings relating to this Public Notice should refer *only* to the docket listed above.

⁴ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

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Ex Parte Rules. The proceeding in this Notice shall be treated as 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 section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules.⁶ In proceedings governed by section 1.49(f) of the rules 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).⁷ Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

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⁵ See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁶ *Id.* § 1.1206(b).

⁷ *Id.*