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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON
PETITION OF ABILENE, TEXAS
FOR EXPEDITED DECLARATORY RULING**

CCBPol 96-19

Released: September 11, 1996

On August 15, 1996, the City of Abilene, Texas (Abilene) filed a petition for expedited declaratory ruling pursuant to section 253(d) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Abilene asks the Federal Communications Commission to declare section 3.251(d) of the Texas Public Utility Regulatory Act of 1995 (PURA 95) violates sections 253(a) and (b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and is therefore preempted.

Interested parties should file comments on the Texas PUCT petition by **October 11, 1996**, and reply comments by **October 21, 1996**, with the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. A copy should also be sent to Janice Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 544, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and to the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication, ITS, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037. Parties filing comments in this non-docketed proceeding should include the Policy Division internal reference number, **CCBPol 96-19** on their pleadings. The Texas PUCT petition is available for inspection and copying in the Common Carrier Bureau's Public Reference Room, Room 575, 2000 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies can also be obtained from ITS by calling (202) 857-3800.

We will treat this proceeding as non-restricted for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. For further information contact Janice Myles, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1577.

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