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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON LETTER SEEKING RDOF AND CAF II AMNESTY FROM 69 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, UNIONS, AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

WC Docket No. 10-90

WC Docket No. 19-126

AU Docket No. 20-34

**Comment Date: March 26, 2024**

**Reply Comment Date: April 9, 2024**

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a letter from 69 Internet Service Providers, Trade Associations, State and Local Officials, School Districts, Unions, and Civil Society Organizations.<sup>1</sup> The letter requests that the Commission provide “[Rural Digital Opportunity Fund] and [Connect America Fund Auction] awardees who cannot or do not intend to build their networks a very short and expedited amnesty period of no more than a month that allows them to relinquish all or part of their winning areas without being penalized to the full extent that the Commission’s rules provide.”<sup>2</sup>

*Filing Requirements.* Interested parties may file comments on or before the dates indicated above.<sup>3</sup> All filings must refer to Letter From 69 Internet Service Providers, Trade Associations, State and Local Officials, School Districts, Unions, and Civil Society Organizations and must be submitted to **WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 19-126, and AU Docket No. 20-34**. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).<sup>4</sup>

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing 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.

<sup>1</sup> See Letter from 69 Internet Service Providers, Trade Associations, State and Local Officials, School Districts, Unions, and Civil Society Organizations, to Jessica Rosenworcel, Chairwoman, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 19-126, AU Docket No. 20-34 (filed Feb. 28, 2024), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/1022830318048/1>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 1.2, 1.405, and 1.419.

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

- 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 Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington DC 20554.
- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.<sup>5</sup>

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*Ex Parte Rules.* This proceeding shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.<sup>6</sup> 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 presenters 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. 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).<sup>7</sup> Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

For further information regarding this proceeding, please contact Audra Hale-Maddox of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at [Audra.Hale-Maddox@fcc.gov](mailto:Audra.Hale-Maddox@fcc.gov).

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<sup>5</sup> See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2788 (Mar. 19, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

<sup>6</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* § 1.1206(b).