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**THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS POLICY DIVISION
OF THE WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU
GRANTS PETITIONS REQUESTING WAIVER OF VARIOUS FILING DEADLINES
RELATED TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM
CC Docket No. 96-45**

The Telecommunications Access Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau has granted petitions for waiver of certain filing deadlines associated with the receipt of universal service support.¹ These petitions and related information are listed below:

Petitioner	State	Date Petition Filed
United States Cellular Corporation	WI	1/15/03
RCC Minnesota	WA	7/11/03 ²
NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners	MS	11/04/03
Michiana Metronet Inc., Centennial Michigan RSA 6 Cellular Corp., Centennial Michigan RSA 7 Cellular Corp. ³	MI	11/04/03

¹See, e.g., *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, RFB Cellular, Inc., Petitions for Waiver of Sections 54.314(d) and 54.307(c) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations*, Order, CC Docket No. 96-45, 17 FCC Rcd 24387 (2002); *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Midwest Wireless Iowa, L.L.C., Petition for Waiver of Sections 54.313(d) and 54.314(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations*, Order, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 04-1688 (Telecomms. Access Pol. Div. rel. June 14, 2004); *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Grande Communications, Inc. Petition for Waiver of Sections 54.307 and 54.314 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations*, Order, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 04-2534 (Telecomms. Access Pol. Div. rel. August 16, 2004).

²On August 19, 2003, RCC Minnesota filed a supplement to its initial petition. See *RCC Minnesota, Inc., Petition for Waiver of Sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the Commission's Rules, Supplement and Erratum to Petition for Waiver*, filed Aug. 19, 2003.

³On December 10, 2003, CenturyTel, Inc. (CenturyTel) filed an opposition to the above petition and a separate petition filed by Centennial Cellular Tri-State Operating Partnership and Centennial Claiborne Cellular Corp. (Centennial Mississippi) seeking waiver of the April 1, 2003 certification filing deadline set forth in section 54.313(d) of the Commission's rules. See *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Opposition of CenturyTel, Inc., filed Dec. 10, 2003. In addition, on December 29, 2003, CenturyTel filed an opposition to a petition listed above filed by NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners seeking a waiver of the September 30, 2003 certification filing deadline set forth in section 54.314(d) of the Commission's rules. See *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Opposition of CenturyTel, Inc., filed Dec. 29, 2003.

Petitioner	State	Date Petition Filed
NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners ⁴	WI	11/07/03
NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners	IA	12/11/03
RCC Atlantic, Inc.	VT	1/14/04
Alaska DigiTel, LLC	AL	1/21/04
Centennial Lafayette Communications, LLC; Centennial Beauregard Cellular LLC; Centennial Caldwell Cellular Corp.; Centennial Morehouse Cellular, LLC	LA	5/28/04

For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Gina Spade or Tom Buckley at (202) 418-7400.

CenturyTel's arguments raised in its oppositions are addressed in a recent order granting Centennial Mississippi's waiver request. *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Centennial Cellular Tri-State Operating Partnership and Centennial Claiborne Cellular Corp., Petition for Waiver of Section 54.313(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations*, Order, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 04-2535 (Telecomms. Access Pol. Div. rel. Aug. 16, 2004).

⁴See *id.*