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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITIONS REQUESTING WAIVER OF VARIOUS FILING DEADLINES RELATED TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM

CC Docket No. 96-45

Comment Date: March 20, 2006
Reply Comment Date: March 27, 2006

Interested parties are invited to comment on petitions filed by the following telecommunications carriers seeking waivers of various filing deadlines associated with the receipt of universal service support pursuant to the Commission's rules.

Petitioner	Rule	Date Filed
Pembroke Telephone Cooperative	47 C.F.R. § 54.314(b)	10/31/05
North River Telephone Cooperative	47 C.F.R. § 54.904(d)	11/17/05
Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc.	47 C.F.R. § 54.802(a)	12/19/05
Great Lakes of Iowa, Inc.	47 C.F.R. §§ 54.307, 54.802, 54.809, 54.904	2/1/06

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **March 20, 2006**, and reply comments on or before **March 27, 2006**. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket No. 96-45**. Comments may be filed using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies.¹

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.² Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the

¹ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

² Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Federal eRulemaking Portal website for submitting comments.

transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail).

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In addition, one courtesy copy of each pleading must be sent to each of the following:

- (1) Makysa Moton, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B540, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: makysha.moton@fcc.gov;
- (2) Richard Lerner, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-A365, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: richard.lerner@fcc.gov.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which ex parte communications are permitted subject to disclosure. For further information, contact Richard Lerner, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.