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**PARTIES ARE INVITED TO COMMENT ON THE PETITION OF PINE BELT
CELLULAR, INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

CC Docket No. 96-45

Release Date: March 17, 2006

Comment Date: April 6, 2006

Reply Comment Date: April 21, 2006

Interested parties are invited to comment on the petition filed by Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the state of Alabama pursuant to section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.¹

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 **April 6, 2006**, and reply comments on or before **April 21, 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.²

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>.³ 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 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

¹ See *Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, CC Docket 96-45, filed March 2, 2006. See also 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(6). We note that Pine Belt should provide copies of its petition to the relevant state commission if it has not already done so. In addition, the Commission will send a copy of this Public Notice to the relevant state commission by overnight express mail to ensure that they are notified of the notice comment period.

² See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

³ Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Federal eRulemaking Portal website for submitting comments.

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.

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Parties must also send a courtesy copy of their filing to Makysa Moton, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B540, Washington, D.C. 20554. Ms. Moton’s email address is Makysa.Moton@fcc.gov; her telephone number is (202) 418-7404.

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 Alexander Minard, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Alexander.Minard@fcc.gov, (202) 418-7400, (202) 418-0484 (TTY).