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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON  
THE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE,  
NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION,  
NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION,  
ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROMOTION AND ADVANCEMENT OF  
SMALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES, AND  
WESTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE  
PETITION FOR CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN UNIVERSAL SERVICE RULES**

**WC Docket No. 10-90  
WT Docket No. 10-208**

**Comment Date: February 28, 2012  
Reply Comment Date: March 14, 2012**

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed by the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA), National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO), and Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA) (collectively, the Petitioners) for clarification of certain aspects of the recently adopted rules in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order and FNPRM*.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the Petitioners seek clarification of sections 54.313(h) and 54.318(a), which govern the operation of the local rate floor.<sup>2</sup>

Interested parties may file **comments on or before February 28, 2012**, and **reply comments on or before March 14, 2012**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 10-90 and WT Docket No. 10-208**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance, National Exchange Carrier Association, National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies, and Western Telecommunications Alliance Petition for Clarification of the Recent Commission's Rules Outlined in the Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released on November 18, 2011, WC Docket No. 10-90, at 1-2 (filed Jan. 23, 2012); *see also Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161, (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order and FNPRM*).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313(h), 54.318(a).

<sup>3</sup> *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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- (2) Abdel Eqab, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B431, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [Abdel-Hamid.Eqab@fcc.gov](mailto:Abdel-Hamid.Eqab@fcc.gov); and
- (3) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov](mailto:Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov).

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<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

arguments presented generally is required.<sup>5</sup> Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.<sup>6</sup>

For further information, please contact Abdel Eqab, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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<sup>5</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).