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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES EXTENSION FOR REPORT ON PROGRESS OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE REFORMS

WC Docket No. 10-90

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) extends the deadline set in the Connect America *Sixth Order on Reconsideration* for the Bureau to report to the Commission on the progress of universal service reform implementation and the impact of reforms.¹ In the *Sixth Order on Reconsideration*, the Commission “direct[ed] the Bureau to report to the Commission, within two years of release of the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, i.e., November 18, 2013, on the progress of implementation, and on the impact of reforms based on relevant, available data at that time.”² When the Commission adopted that deadline, it expected the Bureau to rely in part on information filed by eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) in their annual reports. Because providers are required to file annual reports with the Commission on October 31st,³ nearly four months later than expected, the Bureau finds a brief extension of the deadline is warranted. The new report will now be due on or before March 18, 2014.

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¹ *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Sixth Order on Reconsideration and Memorandum Opinion and Order 28 FCC Rcd 2572, 2591, para 47 (2013) (*Sixth Order on Reconsideration*).

² *Id.*; see *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*), *pets. for review pending sub nom. In re: FCC 11-161*, No. 11-9900 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 8, 2011).

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.313. The Bureau granted a limited waiver of the July 1, 2013 filing deadline for ETCs’ annual reports while OMB approval of the information collection was pending. After OMB approval was obtained, the Bureau subsequently established a filing deadline of October 15, 2013 for ETCs to file their annual reports. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Filing Deadline of October 15, 2013 for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers to File High-Cost and Low-Income Annual Reports, and Announces Filing Deadline of December 16, 2013 for States and ETCs to File Annual Use Certifications*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 11-42, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 11252 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Order, 28 FCC Rcd 8360 (2013). As a result of the recent government-wide lapse in funding, the Commission suspended normal operations from October 1, 2013 through October 16, 2013, for a total of 16 days. See *Revised Filing Deadlines Following Resumption of Normal Commission Operations*, Public Notice, DA 13-2025 (CGB et al. rel. Oct. 17, 2013).