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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.'S PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF AVERAGE SCHEDULE FORMULAS

WC Docket No. 19-371

Comment Date: March 4, 2020

Reply Comment Date: March 19, 2020

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment from interested parties on the proposed modification of average schedule formulas that the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) filed on December 23, 2019. Pursuant to section 69.606 of the Commission's rules, NECA proposes to revise the formulas for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements in connection with the provision of interstate access services for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/.
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¹ National Exchange Carrier Association, 2020 Modification of Average Schedules, attached to Letter from Richard A. Askoff, Executive Director-Regulatory, NECA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 19-371 (filed Dec. 23, 2019).

² *Id.* at Introduction-1. *See* 47 C.F.R. §69.606(b).

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.