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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON REFUND PLAN OF CORE COMMUNICATIONS, INC

WC Docket No. 21-191

Comment Date: July 25, 2022

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the Refund Plan filed by Core Communications, Inc. (Core) on June 29, 2022. Core filed its plan in response to a Commission order that concluded the investigation into the lawfulness of Core's tariff revisions filed on April 22, 2021. In that order, the Commission directed the Bureau to determine any refunds that may be required once the newly revised tariff is effective.³

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the date 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).

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- Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

¹ Letter from Carey Roesel, Consultant for Core Communications, to Rhonda J. Lien, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC, WC Docket No. 21-191, Attach. (Refund Plan of Core Communications, Inc.) (filed June 29, 2022).

² See Core Commc'ns, Inc. et al. Tariff F.C.C. No. 3, Transmittal No. 17, WC Docket No. 21-191, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 21-109 (2021).

³ *Id.* at 30, para. 70.

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.