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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINES FOR COMMENTS ON RURAL HEALTH CARE GRANDFATHERING NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

WC Docket No. 02-60

Comment Date: July 27, 2011
Reply Comment Date: August 11, 2011

On June 21, 2011, the Commission released a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment on whether to make certain “grandfathered” health care providers permanently eligible for discounted services under the universal service rural health care support mechanism.¹

The Commission set the comment and reply comment deadline for the *RHC Grandfathering NPRM* as 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication of the summary of the NPRM in the Federal Register.² On June 27, 2011, a summary of the NPRM appeared in the Federal Register.³ Accordingly, interested parties may file **comments on or before July 27, 2011**, and **reply comments on or before August 11, 2011**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 02-60**.

Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁴

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¹ *Rural Health Care Universal Service Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-101 (rel. June 21, 2011) (*RHC Grandfathering NPRM*).

² *Id.* at para. 38.

³ 76 Fed Reg. 37307 (June 27, 2011).

⁴ 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) Chin Yoo, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A441, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: chin.yoo@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.

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

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⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁶ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).