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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON WINDSTREAM PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION REVENUE RECOVERY RULES FOR PRICE CAP CARRIERS

CC Docket No. 01-92; WC Docket No. 10-90

Comment Date: October 21, 2015 Reply Comment: November 5, 2015

On September 1, 2015, Windstream Services, LLC (Windstream), on behalf of twenty-four incumbent local exchange carrier subsidiaries (Windstream ILECs), filed a joint petition for limited waiver of section 51.915(c) and (d) of the Commission's rules.¹ Specifically, the Windstream ILECs seek a waiver "of the relevant portions of Section 51.915(c) and (d) insofar as such requirements would prevent the Windstream ILECs from including in their Intrastate Access Reduction calculations uncollectible intrastate access charges billed to Halo Wireless, Inc. ("Halo") during Fiscal Year (FY) 2011."²

Pursuant to section 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated above. Comments may be filed by paper copies or by 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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¹ Petition of Windstream for Limited Waiver of Relevant Portions of 47 C.F.R. § 51.915(c) and (d) of the Commission's Rules, WC Docket No. 10-90, CC Docket No. 01-92 at 1 (filed September 1, 2015) (Windstream Petition). The title of the petition mistakenly cites to 51.917 (c) and (d), whereas the text of the petition makes clear that the correct rule for which a waiver is sought is 51.915(c) and (d). *Id*; 47 C.F.R. § 51.915(c) and (d).

² *Id.* at 1-2.

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³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq*.