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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON TATA COMMUNICATIONS (AMERICA), INC. AND TATA COMMUNICATIONS (GUAM), L.L.C. PETITION FOR WAIVER

WC Docket No. 06-122

Comment Date: May 3, 2019

Reply Comment Date: May 20, 2019

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a request for waiver filed by Tata Communications (America), Inc., and Tata Communications (Guam), L.L.C. (Tata).¹ Tata requests a limited waiver of Section 54.706(a),² or alternatively, a waiver of the twelve percent threshold of the Limited International Revenue Exemption in Section 54.706(c)³ of the Commission's rules, to allow Tata to continue contributing to the Universal Service Fund based solely on its interstate end-user telecommunications.⁴

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules,⁵ interested parties may file **comments on or before May 3, 2019 and reply comments on or before May 20, 2019**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket 06-122**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁶

• *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/.

¹ Petition for Waiver by Tata Communications (America), Inc. and Tata Communications (Guam), L.L.C., WC Docket 06-122 (filed March. 29, 2019).

² 47 CFR § 54.706(a).

³ 47 CFR § 54.706(c).

⁴ *Id*.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 1.415, 1.419.

⁶ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1999).

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⁷ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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