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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU DISMISSES FOUR PETITIONS OF VARIOUS HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE MATTERS

WC Docket No. 10-90
WC Docket No. 09-197
WC Docket No. 05-337
CC Docket No. 96-45

In this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau announces the dismissal of the following four petitions for waiver of various high-cost universal service matters:

Petitioner	Petitions	Date Petition Filed
Madison River Telephone Company, LLC, MebTel, Inc., d/b/a MebTel Communications, MebTel Long Distance Solutions, Inc., and Bell South Telecommunications, Inc., Bell South Long Distance, Inc.	Joint Petition for Waiver of the Definition of “Study Area” of the Appendix-Glossary of Part 36 of the Commission’s Rules; Petition for Waiver of Section 690.3(e)(11) of the Commission’s Rules	8/15/2006
TDS Telecommunications Corp., FairPoint Communications, Inc., and Burke’s Garden Telephone Company (Rural ILECs)	Petition for Revocation of Sprint/Nextel’s Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Virginia	6/04/2007
Worldcall Interconnect, Inc. (WCX)	Application for Review of the Bureau’s Denial of WCX’s Petition for ETC Status in New York State	5/27/2011
Dell Telephone Cooperative	Application for Review of the Bureau’s order dismissing without prejudice Dell Telephone’s petition for waiver certain universal service rules adopted in <i>USF/ICC Transformation Order</i>	5/30/2013

On March 12, 2019, the Bureau released a public notice listing several pending petitions for waiver of various high-cost universal service filing deadlines.¹ In that public notice, the Bureau noted

¹ *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks to Determine Parties’ Continuing Interest in Several Petitions for Waiver of Various High-Cost Universal Service Filing Deadlines*, WC Docket No. WC Docket Nos. 10-90; 09-197; 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, Public Notice, DA 19-175 (WCB rel. Mar. 12, 2019) (*Public Notice*).

that each of the petitions were filed at least one year prior to the date of the *Public Notice*, and no comments or *ex parte* submissions were filed on these petitions for at least one year. As part of the Commission's ongoing effort to manage its dockets and reduce backlog,² and in an effort to avoid the need to address issues unnecessarily, the Bureau stated its intent to dismiss each petition without prejudice unless the petitioner, within 45 days of the release of the *Public Notice*, stated its continuing interest in pursuing the petition.³

Because the four petitioners listed above did not come forward within 45 days of the date of the *Public Notice* and state their intent to continue to pursue their respective petitions, pursuant to the *Public Notice*,⁴ the above-referenced petitions are dismissed without prejudice.

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² *Cf. Amendment of Certain of the Commission's Part 1 Rules of Practice and Procedure and Part 0 Rules of Commission Organization*, GC Docket No. 10-44, Report and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 1594, 1604, paras. 23-24 (2011) (termination of dormant proceedings).

³ *Public Notice*, DA 19-175; *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 1.419.

⁴ *Public Notice*, DA 19-175.