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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON WESTELCOM'S PETITION  
FOR LIMITED, EXPEDITED WAIVER OF THE DEFINITION OF  
A "RURAL CLEC" IN SECTION 61.26(a)(6) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES**

**WC Docket No. 15-69**

**Comment Date: April 24, 2015**

**Reply Comment Date: May 11, 2015**

On February 23, 2015, Westelcom Network, Inc. (Westelcom) filed a petition for limited and expedited waiver of section 61.26(a)(6) of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, Westelcom seeks waiver of the definition of "Rural CLEC" so that it can continue to charge the "rural exemption" rate for its interstate switched access services. Westelcom states that the United States Census Bureau reclassified one of the communities in its service area from an "urban cluster" to an "urbanized cluster" in 2012, which resulted in Westelcom no longer qualifying as a Rural CLEC.

Pursuant to section 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. Comments should reference **WC Docket No. 15-69**, and 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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<sup>1</sup> Petition for Limited, Expedited Waiver by Westelcom Network, Inc. of Section 61.26(a)(6) of the Commission's Rules, WC Docket No. 10-90, CC Docket No. 96-262 (filed Feb. 23, 2015); see 47 C.F.R. § 61.26(a)(6).

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For further information, please contact John Hunter, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1520 or via e-mail at [John.Hunter@fcc.gov](mailto:John.Hunter@fcc.gov).

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<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*