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PETITION OF GENESIS COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR DECLARATORY RULINGS REGARDING LIFELINE ASSISTANCE REVENUES PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

CC Docket No. 96-45

Release Date: March 27, 2001

Comment Date: April 26, 2001
Reply Comment Date: May 11, 2001

On November 17, 2000, Genesis Communications International, Inc. (Genesis) filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling. Genesis requests declaratory rulings regarding: (1) whether Commission certification of Genesis' eligibility was a prerequisite to obtaining reimbursement from the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) for Lifeline discounts given to eligible end users under California's Universal Lifeline Telephone Service program; and (2) whether Genesis was entitled to submit claims and receive reimbursement from NECA on a retroactive basis.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **April 26, 2001**, and reply comments on or before **May 11, 2001**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24,121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street S.W., Room 5-A422, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

For further information, contact the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau at (202) 418-7400, TTY (202) 418-0484.