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COMMENT CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR INQUIRY REGARDING THE DEPLOYMENT OF ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY

GN Docket No. 04-54

COMMENTS DUE: May 10, 2004
REPLY COMMENTS DUE: May 24, 2004

On March 17, 2004, the Commission released a Notice of Inquiry (*Notice*)¹ initiating the Commission's fourth inquiry under section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 into "whether advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion."² In the *Notice*, the Commission strongly encouraged commenters to provide data and new ideas on how to conduct this and future section 706 inquiries.³

The *Notice* was published in the Federal Register on April 8, 2004.⁴ Accordingly, comments are due **May 10, 2004**, and reply comments are due **May 24, 2004**. The Commission encourages a broad range of interested parties to participate in this proceeding.

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¹ *Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, GN Docket No. 04-54, Fourth Notice of Inquiry, FCC 04-55 (rel. March 17, 2004) (*Notice*).

² See § 706(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) (1996 Act), reproduced in the notes under 47 U.S.C. § 157.

³ *Notice* at para. 5.

⁴ 69 FR 18508 (Apr. 8, 2004).