

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Connect America Fund	)	WC Docket No. 10-90
	)	
A National Broadband Plan for Our Future	)	GN Docket No. 09-51
	)	
Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers	)	WC Docket No. 07-135
	)	
High-Cost Universal Service Support	)	WC Docket No. 05-337
	)	
Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime	)	CC Docket No. 01-92
	)	
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service	)	CC Docket No. 96-45
	)	
Lifeline and Link-Up	)	WC Docket No. 03-109

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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RCA – The Competitive Carriers Association,<sup>1</sup> pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission’s Rules,<sup>2</sup> hereby requests an extension of time in the above captioned proceeding. The Public Notice<sup>3</sup> in this proceeding provided only five (5) business days to reply to initial comments. Reply comments are due August 31, 2011. RCA respectfully requests a brief nine (9) day extension of the reply comment deadline, until September 9, 2011.

RCA filed comments and intends to file reply comments in this proceeding. Over 125 interested parties filed initial comments, amounting to almost 3,000 pages, in response to the

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<sup>1</sup> RCA is the nation’s leading association for competitive wireless providers serving rural and regional areas of the United States. The licensed service area of RCA’s nearly 100 members covers 95 percent of the nation.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46

<sup>3</sup> Public Notice, *Further Inquiry into Certain Issues in the Universal Service-Intercarrier Compensation Transformation Proceeding*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, DA 11-1348 (rel. Aug. 3, 2011) (“Public Notice”).

Public Notice. RCA applauds the FCC's reform efforts and is committed to helping the FCC develop a new USF/ICC regime. To do this, RCA needs additional time to review, digest and thoughtfully respond to the comments filed. Considering the voluminous nature of the comments and the complexity and significance of the issues being addressed,<sup>4</sup> and to ensure an open and transparent reform process, a short extension of the reply comment deadline would serve the public interest.

For the above reasons, RCA respectfully requests a brief nine (9) day extension of time to file reply comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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<sup>4</sup> Motion for Extension of Time for Filing Reply Comments of The National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.* (filed Aug. 25, 2011).