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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON ILLINOIS RURAL HEALTHNET, COLORADO TELEHEALTH NETWORK, AND OREGON HEALTH NETWORK REQUESTS FOR REVIEW OF DECISIONS BY THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

WC Docket No. 02-60

Comment Date: December 20, 2013
Reply Comment Date: January 3, 2014

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on three Rural Health Care (RHC) Program participants' appeals of Universal Service Administrative Company decisions denying Program support.[1] Illinois Rural HealthNet, Colorado Telehealth Network, and Oregon Health Network argue that their non-rural clinics should be considered to be eligible health care providers under the Commission's Healthcare Connect Fund and therefore should be eligible for RHC support.[2]

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments are to reference **WC Docket No. 02-60** and may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/.

- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.

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[1] *See* Letter from Roger L. Holloway, President/CEO, Illinois Rural HealthNet to Linda Oliver, Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, FCC Wireline Competition Bureau, WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed Nov. 21, 2013); Letter from Robert Jenkins, Program Manager, Colorado Telehealth Network to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed Nov. 22, 2013); Letter from Kim Klupenger, Project Coordinator, Oregon Health Network to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed Nov. 27, 2013).

[2] *See id*.

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In addition, we request that one copy of each pleading be sent to each of the following:

(1) Garnet Hanly, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5A-346, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Garnet.Hanly@fcc.gov; and

(2) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov.

The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.[3] Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must: (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

For further information, please contact Garnet Hanly, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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[3] 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq*.