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COMMENT SOUGHT ON MISSOULA INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION REFORM PLAN

CC Docket No. 01-92

COMMENTS DUE: September 25, 2006
REPLY COMMENTS DUE: November 9, 2006

By this Public Notice, we seek comment on an intercarrier compensation reform plan (the "Missoula Plan") filed July 24, 2006 by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Task Force on Intercarrier Compensation ("NARUC Task Force").¹ The Missoula Plan is the product of a 3-year process of industry negotiations led by NARUC.² Supporters of the plan include AT&T, BellSouth Corp., Cingular Wireless, Global Crossing, Level 3 Communications, and 336 members of the Rural Alliance, among others.³ According to its supporters, the Missoula Plan "unifies intercarrier charges for the majority of lines, and moves all intercarrier rates charged for all traffic closer together."⁴ Its supporters maintain that adoption of the Missoula Plan would represent a major step forward in intercarrier compensation reform.⁵

Interested parties may file comments on or before **September 25, 2006**, and reply comments on or before **November 9, 2006**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁶ Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of the proceeding, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking

¹ Letter from Tony Clark, Commissioner and Chair, NARUC Committee on Telecommunications, Ray Baum, Commissioner and Chair, NARUC Task Force, and Larry Landis, Commissioner and Vice-Chair, NARUC Task Force, CC Docket No. 01-92, at 2 (filed July 24, 2006) (attaching the Missoula Plan). Although the Missoula Plan was filed by the NARUC Task Force, members of the task force and NARUC have not taken positions on the Missoula Plan. *See id.* at 2.

² *Id.* at 1-2.

³ *Id.* at 2. *See also id.*, Attach. (providing a complete list of supporters).

⁴ *Id.*, Attach. (Executive Summary) at 1.

⁵ *Id.*, Attach. (Executive Summary) at 2.

⁶ *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number, in this case, **CC Docket No. 01-92**. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get 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." 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.

Paper filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). **Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using the Commission's ECFS.**

The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002.

- The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners.
- Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Victoria Goldberg, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5-A266, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to Victoria.Goldberg@fcc.gov. Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

Documents in **CC Docket No. 01-92** will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁷ Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.⁸ Other requirements pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁹

For further information, contact Victoria Goldberg of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7353 or Randy Clarke of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1587.

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⁸ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).