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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEFAULT COMMENT CYCLE WILL APPLY TO REQUESTS FOR REVIEW OF USAC CONTRIBUTIONS DECISIONS

### WC Docket No. 06-122

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces that effective immediately, it will begin applying the default comment cycle in section 1.45 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.45, to requests for review of decisions by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) concerning contributions to the Universal Service Fund (USF).<sup>1</sup> The default comment cycle provides ten (10) days for comments after the original appeal is filed, and five (5) days for replies.<sup>2</sup> The Bureau may extend the comment cycle by public notice in individual cases if a particular request for review raises complex or difficult issues of industry-wide significance to allow commenters sufficient time to fully respond to the issues presented. Interested parties, however, should not assume that the Bureau will so extend the comment period for any given request for review.<sup>3</sup>

Interested parties can monitor the filing of requests for review of USAC contributions decisions through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at [http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment\\_search/execute?proceeding=06-122](http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment_search/execute?proceeding=06-122).

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 54.722. Requests for review of USAC contributions decisions are filed in WC Docket No. 06-122.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. §1.45.

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., *Wireline Competition Bureau Waives Default Comment Cycle for Petition to Reverse Forbearance From Dominant Carrier Regulation Of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers' Non-TDM-Based Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 14028 (2012). Commission rules also allow interested parties to request an extension of time in which to file comments, though such extensions are not routinely granted. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46. For a limited time following this Public Notice, the Bureau may issue public notices reminding parties of the default comment deadlines when a new request for review is filed, but parties should not rely on the Bureau issuing such public notices.