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COMMENT SOUGHT ON RICHMOND CONNECTIONS, INC. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S RURAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM RULES AND EMERGENCY PETITION FOR EXPEDITED STAY PENDING COMMISSION REVIEW

WC Docket No. 02-60

Comment Date: August 1, 2011

Reply Comment Date: August 8, 2011

On July 7, 2011, Richmond Connections, Inc. (Richmond) requested a waiver of section 54.611 of the Commission's rules, which requires that the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) reimburse any monies due to a carrier from the universal service rural health care support mechanism only after an offset is credited against that carrier's universal service support obligations.¹ Richmond also requests that the Commission grant an expedited stay of USAC's decision, allowing Richmond to continue to receive bi-monthly rural health care support disbursements pending the Commission's review of the instant waiver request.²

Interested parties may file **comments on or before August 1, 2011**, and **reply comments on or before August 8, 2011**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 02-60**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.³

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¹ Petition for Waiver and Emergency Request for Expedited Stay and/or Special Relief of Richmond Connections, Inc., WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed Jul. 7, 2011) (Petition for Waiver); 47 C.F.R. § 54.611.

² See Petition for Waiver at 5.

³ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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- (2) Erica Myers, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B432, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Erica.Myers@fcc.gov and
- (3) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B521, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov.

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁵ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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