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WIRELINER COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON REQUESTS BY THE CALIFORNIA TELEHEALTH NETWORK AND THE PALMETTO STATE PROVIDERS NETWORK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING UNDER THE RURAL HEALTH CARE PILOT PROGRAM

WC Docket No. 02-60

Comment Date: April 20, 2011

Reply Comment Date: May 5, 2011

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on requests filed by the California Telehealth Network (CTN) and the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN) for additional funding under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program (Pilot Program).¹ CTN requests that, in the event that Pilot Program funds allotted in the *2007 Pilot Program Selection Order* are relinquished or unused by other participants, the Bureau increase CTN's maximum support amount by an additional \$90.9 million.² If additional funding is authorized, CTN requests an extension of time for the project to secure funding commitments and complete invoicing.³ Similarly, PSPN requests that the Bureau allocate an additional \$3.4 million to its project.⁴

¹ Letter from Eric Brown, President & CEO, California Telehealth Network, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 02-60 (Mar. 16, 2011) (CTN Letter); Letter from Frank C. Clark, PhD, Project Coordinator, Palmetto State Providers Network, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, WC Docket No. 02-60 (Mar. 16, 2011) (PSPN Letter). In the *2007 Pilot Program Selection Order*, the Commission selected 69 projects to participate in the Pilot Program. *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 20360, 20361, para. 1 (2007) (*2007 Pilot Program Selection Order*). The Commission provided a maximum funding amount of \$417 million for all program participants, and also established per-project maximum support amounts. *Id.* at 20361, 20429-30, para. 2 and Appendix B.

² CTN Letter at 2.

³ *Id.* at 1-2.

⁴ PSPN Letter at 1.

Interested parties may file comments on or before **April 20, 2011**, and reply comments on or before **May 5, 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.⁵

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- (2) Jamie Susskind, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B418, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Jamie.Susskind@fcc.gov; and
- (3) 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.

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⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Red 11322 (1998).

⁶ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

arguments presented generally is required.⁷ Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁸

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

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⁷ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).