

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Universal Service Contribution Methodology)	WC Docket No. 06-122
)	
A National Broadband Plan For Our Future)	GN Docket No. 09-51

ORDER

Adopted: July 25, 2012

Released: July 25, 2012

By the Acting Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. On July 11, 2012, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (“NASUCA”) filed a motion for extension of time¹ requesting an additional thirty days for parties to file reply comments in the *Contribution Methodology Reform and Modernization Further Notice* proceeding.² NASUCA seeks an extension of time “to review and study initial comments and potentially to formulate thoughtful reply comments” and to coordinate proposed comments among its membership.³

2. As provided in section 1.46(a) of the Commission’s rules, it is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.⁴ In reviewing the instant request, we consider the Commission’s general policy as reflected in section 1.46(a) and the time period provided for parties to review and respond to comments filed in the *Contribution Methodology Reform and Modernization Further Notice* proceeding.

3. We find that the circumstances presented here do not warrant granting an extension of time to file reply comments. We therefore deny NASUCA’s motion for extension of time to file reply comments in the *Contribution Methodology Reform and Modernization Further Notice* proceeding.⁵

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), section 1.46 of the

¹ Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments by National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, WC Docket No. 06-122, GN Docket No. 09-51 (filed July 11, 2012) (NASUCA Motion).

² *Universal Service Contribution Methodology; A National Broadband Plan For Our Future*, WC Docket No. 06-122, GN Docket No. 09-51, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 5357 (2012) (*Contribution Methodology Reform and Modernization Further Notice*). The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice announcing deadlines for filing comments in the *Contribution Methodology Reform and Modernization Further Notice* proceeding. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Deadlines for Comments on Universal Service Contribution Methodology Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, WC Docket No. 06-122, GN Docket No. 09-51, Public Notice, DA 12-905 (Wireline Comp. Bur., rel. Jun. 7, 2012).

³ See NASUCA Motion at 2-3.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

⁵ We remind parties that they may continue to file ex parte presentations for this proceeding. 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, and pursuant to the authority delegated in sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, the motion for extension of time filed by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates IS DENIED as discussed herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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