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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON TEXAS HEALTH
INFORMATION NETWORK COLLABORATIVE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE
JUNE 30, 2012 DEADLINE FOR FUNDING COMMITMENTS UNDER THE UNIVERSAL
SERVICE RURAL HEALTH CARE PILOT PROGRAM**

WC Docket No. 02-60

Comment Date: May 7, 2012

Reply Comment Date: May 21, 2012

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a request filed by the Texas Health Information Network Collaborative (TxHINC) for a 120 day extension of the June 30, 2012, universal service Rural Health Care Pilot Program funding commitment deadline for projects to choose vendors and request funding commitment letters from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).¹ TxHINC explains that due to circumstances unique to the state of Texas, it has been delayed in choosing vendors and submitting funding requests to USAC.² TxHINC requests the Bureau extend TxHINC's funding commitment deadline until October 30, 2012.³

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments are to reference **WC Docket No. 02-60** and may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

¹ Letter from George S. Conkin, Project Coordinator, TxHINC, and Senior Vice President and CIO, CHRISTUS Health, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, and Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 02-60 (filed March 22, 2012) (TxHINC Letter).

² TxHINC Letter at 2.

³ *Id.*

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- 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.
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In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to each of the following:

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

For further information, please contact Christianna Lewis Barnhart, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1372 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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