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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON IVANS, INC. REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF A DECISION BY THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY AND PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING

WC Docket No. 06-122

Comment Date: September 16, 2013 Reply Comment Date: October 1, 2013

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a request filed by IVANS, Inc. (IVANS). IVANS seeks review of a June 7, 2013 decision by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) which rejected IVANS' 2009 through 2013 FCC Forms 499-A (for calendar years 2008 through 2012). Specifically, IVANS requests that the Bureau reject USAC's findings that IVANS had underreported its assessable revenues for those years. IVANS also challenges USAC's decision requiring IVANS to back-file FCC Forms 499-A for additional years. In addition, IVANS seeks a declaratory ruling that its enterprise services utilizing Multi-Protocol Labeling Switching (MPLS) and Frame Relay are not assessable for contribution purposes.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules,⁵ interested parties may file **comments on or before September 16, 2013 and reply comments on or before October 1, 2013**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket 06-122**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁶

¹ Request for Review of a Decision by the Universal Service Administrator and Petition for Declaratory Ruling by IVANS, Inc., WC Docket 06-122 (filed Aug. 6, 2013).

² IVANS argues that USAC ignored evidence that supports IVANS' claim that its underlying carrier had contributed on the revenues in question and that if IVANS were required to pay on the same revenues, it would result in a double collection of funds. *Id.* at 11-21.

³ *Id.* at 19-24. USAC has directed IVANS to report revenue for all years it has been providing telecommunications services. *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* at 24-29.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419.

⁶ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1999).

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⁷ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

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