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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION CONCERNING LIFELINE BROADBAND PROVIDERS

WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42

Comment Date: March 16, 2017

Reply Comment Date: March 23, 2017

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a request for reconsideration by Free Press, 18MillionRising.org, AFL-CIO, American Library Association, Appalshop, Inc., Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC, Center for Media Justice, Center for Rural Strategies, Color of Change, Common Cause, Common Sense Kids Action, Communications Workers of America, Fight for the Future, FOOTPRINTS INC, Generation Justice, Global Action Project, human-I-T, Inclusive Technologies, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Media Mobilizing Project, MetroEast Community Media, Mobile Beacon, Monterey County Office of Education, NAACP, National Consumer Law Center, National Digital Inclusion Alliance, National Hispanic Media Coalition, Native Public Media, New America's Open Technology Institute, Open MIC, Partners Bridging the Digital Divide, Public Knowledge, SPNN, The Benton Foundation, The Greenlining Institute, United Church of Christ, OC Inc., and WinstonNet, Inc. (collectively, Petitioners)¹ of the Bureau's reconsideration of the Lifeline Broadband Provider designations.²

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the respective dates indicated above. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by

¹ See Letter from Jessica J. Gonzalez, Free Press, 18MillionRising.org, AFL-CIO, American Library Association, Appalshop, Inc., Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC, Center for Media Justice, Center for Rural Strategies, Color of Change, Common Cause, Common Sense Kids Action, Communications Workers of America, Fight for the Future, FOOTPRINTS INC, Generation Justice, Global Action Project, human-I-T, Inclusive Technologies, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Media Mobilizing Project, MetroEast Community Media, Mobile Beacon, Monterey County Office of Education, NAACP, National Consumer Law Center, National Digital Inclusion Alliance, National Hispanic Media Coalition, Native Public Media, New America's Open Technology Institute, Open MIC, Partners Bridging the Digital Divide, Public Knowledge, SPNN, The Benton Foundation, The Greenlining Institute, United Church of Christ, OC Inc., and WinstonNet, Inc., LLP, to Chairman Pai, Commissioner Clyburn, Commissioner O'Rielly, FCC, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al. (filed Feb. 23, 2017), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/10223875430616>.

² See *Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support et al.*, Order on Reconsideration, WC Docket No. 09-197, et al., DA 17-128 (WCB 2016).

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- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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For further information, please contact Christian Hoefly, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-3607 or via email at Christian.Hoefly@fcc.gov.

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³ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*