

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday, July 17, 2007, 10 a.m. (Eastern Time).

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: The meeting has been cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Llewellyn, Acting Executive Officer on (202) 663-4070.

Issued: July 16, 2007.

Stephen Llewellyn,
Acting Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 96-45; DA 07-1327]

Additional Comment Sought on Petition of Genesis Communications International, Inc. for Declaratory Rulings Regarding Lifeline Assistance Revenues

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks to refresh the record on issues raised in the Petition of Genesis Communications International, Inc. (Genesis) for Declaratory Rulings Regarding Lifeline Assistance Revenues (Petition). Because comments and reply comments on the issue were filed several years ago, the passage of time and intervening developments have rendered the records developed by those commenters stale. Moreover, some issues raised by commenters may have become moot or irrelevant in light of intervening events. For these reasons, the Bureau requests that parties refresh the record with any new information or arguments they believe to be relevant to deciding the issues still pending.

DATES: Comments are due on or before August 17, 2007. Reply comments are due on or before September 4, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for further filing instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dana Bradford, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-7400 or TTY: 202-418-0432.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of *Additional Comment Sought on Petition of Genesis*

Communications International, Inc. for Declaratory Rulings Regarding Lifeline Assistance Revenues, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 07-1327, released March 16, 2007.

1. In 2000, the Commission denied a complaint filed by Genesis against Pacific Bell (Pacific) seeking reimbursement of certain End User Common Line (EUCL) charges. Genesis then sought to recover the funds in a suit against the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA). Genesis and NECA subsequently agreed to stay the action pending referral to the Commission of Genesis's claim for retroactive reimbursement via its petition in the above captioned docket.

2. On November 16, 2000, Genesis filed the current Petition seeking a declaratory ruling from the Commission regarding: (1) Whether Commission certification of Genesis's eligibility was a prerequisite to obtaining reimbursement from NECA for Lifeline discounts given to eligible end users under California's Universal Lifeline Telephone Service program; and (2) whether Genesis was entitled to submit claims and receive reimbursement from NECA on a retroactive basis. The Petition was put on Public Notice for comment on March 27, 2001. In response, NECA and Genesis both asserted that, should reimbursement be warranted, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) should disburse the funds.

3. Since the dispute arose, the Commission has amended the Lifeline rules, and transferred responsibility for the program's administration from NECA to USAC. The Bureau issues this Public Notice to update several issues contained in the current record, as well as any additional information that may have become relevant to the proceeding.

4. Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments that are due on or before August 17, 2007 and reply comments that are due on or before September 4, 2007. Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the date indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using: (1) The Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121, April 6, 1998.

• **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers

should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments.

• **For ECFS Filers:** If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to: ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

• **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies 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. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. 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. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to: fcc504@fcc.gov, or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

You may submit comments, identified by the above noted docket number, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Federal Communications Commission's Web Site: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- People with Disabilities: Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by e-mail: FCC504@fcc.gov or phone: 202-418-0530 or TTY: 202-418-0432.

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

(1) The Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, <http://www.bcpweb.com>; phone: 202-488-5300; fax: 202-488-5563; and

(2) Antoinette Stevens, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 5B-521, Washington, DC 20554; e-mail: antoinette.stevens@fcc.gov; and

(3) Dana Walton-Bradford, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 5A-423, Washington, DC 20554; e-mail: dana.walton-bradford@fcc.gov.

5. Filings and comments are also available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. They may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CYB402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone: 202-488-5300, fax: 202-488-5563, or via e-mail at: <http://www.bcpweb.com>.

6. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in § 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 07-2426]

Consumer Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission announces the re-chartering and appointment of members to the Consumer Advisory Committee ("Committee") of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"). The Commission further designates the Chairperson of the Committee, and announces the date and agenda of the Committee's first meeting in calendar year 2007. A principal focus of the Committee will be the digital television transition.

DATES: The first meeting of the new Committee will take place on Friday, August 10, 2007, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Commission's Headquarters Building, Room TW-C305, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Marshall, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, (202) 418-2809 (voice), (202) 418-0179 (TTY), or e-mail scott.marshall@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 8, 2007, the Commission released document DA 07-2426, which announced the re-chartering of its Consumer Advisory Committee, announced the appointment of twenty-six (26) members to the Committee, designated the Committee's chairperson, and further announced the agenda, date and time of the Committee's first meeting in calendar year 2007.

On June 18, 2007, the Commission released document DA 07-2683, announcing the appointment of two (2) additional Committee members.

The Committee is organized under and will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988). On November 17, 2006, the Committee was renewed for another two-year term.

The mission of the Committee is to make recommendations to the Commission regarding consumer issues

within the jurisdiction of the Commission and to facilitate the participation of consumers (including people with disabilities and underserved populations, such as American Indians and persons living in rural areas) in proceedings before the Commission.

Each meeting of the full Committee will be open to the public. A notice of each meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting. Records will be maintained of each meeting and made available for public inspection.

Functions

Digital Transition. A principal focus of the Committee will be the digital television transition as the Commission continues its efforts to assist consumers in understanding and preparing for the transition which, by law, must be completed by February 17, 2009. The Commission expects the Committee will provide specific recommendations on how best to ensure a smooth transition, as well as provide valuable insights that should further the Commission's goal of ensuring that all consumers, especially the elderly, low-income, non-English speaking consumers and people with disabilities, are aware of the transition and understand what specific steps, if any, they must take to continue watching television after the transition is complete on February 17, 2009.

Other Topics. In addition to digital television, other topics to be addressed by the Committee will include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Consumer protection and education (e.g., cramming, slamming, consumer friendly billing, detariffing, bundling of services, Lifeline/Linkup programs, customer service, privacy, telemarketing abuses, and outreach to underserved populations, such as Native Americans and persons living in rural areas).

- Access by people with disabilities (e.g., telecommunications relay services, video description, closed captioning, accessible billing and access to telecommunications products and services).

- Impact upon consumers of new and emerging technologies (e.g., availability of broadband, digital television, cable, satellite, low power FM, and the convergence of these and emerging technologies).

Appointment of Chairman and Members

The Commission appointed twenty-eight (28) members to its Consumer Advisory Committee. Of this number, eleven (11) represent interests of consumers, minorities, and low income