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## COMMENTS SOUGHT ON COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF REGULATORY TREATMENT OF INCUMBENT CARRIERS' BROADBAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

**COMMENTS DUE: March 1, 2002**

**REPLY COMMENTS DUE: April 1, 2002**

On December 20, 2001, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* to consider whether incumbent local exchange carriers should be treated as non-dominant in the provision of broadband telecommunications services.<sup>1</sup> The *Notice* seeks comment on what changes, if any, the Commission should make to its traditional regulatory requirements for incumbent LECs' provision of broadband services. A summary of the *Notice* will be published in the Federal Register today, at 67 Fed. Reg. 1945 (Jan. 15, 2002).

Interested parties may file comments in this proceeding no later than **March 1, 2002**. Reply comments may be filed no later than **April 1, 2002**. When filing comments, please reference **CC Docket No. 01-337**. An original and four copies of all comments and reply comments must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204, Washington, DC 20554.<sup>2</sup> In addition, one copy of each submission must be filed with Qualex International, the Commission's duplicating contractor, at its office at Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, and one copy with Janice Myles, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C. 20554. Documents in CC Docket No. 01-337 are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. The documents may also be purchased from Qualex International, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898.

This proceeding shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 and 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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<sup>1</sup> *Review of Regulatory Requirements for Incumbent LEC Broadband Telecommunications Services*, CC Docket No. 01-337, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 01-360 (rel. Dec. 20, 2001).

<sup>2</sup> Parties are directed to the Commission's recent *Public Notice* concerning changes in the filing location and procedures for paper documents. See FCC Announces a New Filing Location for Paper Documents, *Public Notice*, DA 01-2919 (Dec. 14, 2001).