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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON AT&T CORP. WAIVER REGARDING THE ANNUAL TRUE-UP PROCESS FOR 2003 UNIVERSAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS

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CC Docket No. 96-45

Release Date: January 30, 2004

Comment Date: February 27, 2004

Reply Comment Date: March 10, 2004

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on AT&T's petition for waiver¹ of the universal service true-up process for 2003 adopted in the *Second Reconsideration Order*.² In that order, the Commission stated that "USAC will subtract revenues projected for the first quarter of 2003 from annual revenues reported on the FCC Form 499-A to arrive at an estimate of a contributor's actual revenues for the second through fourth quarters of 2003."³ The requested waiver would allow USAC to subtract AT&T's actual collected revenues for first quarter 2003, rather than its projected collected revenues, from their annual revenues reported on the FCC Form 499-A when performing the true-up for 2003.

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **February 27, 2004** and reply comments on or before **March 10, 2004**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission

¹ See *AT&T Petition for Waiver*, filed January 27, 2004.

² *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45, 18 FCC Rcd 4818 (2003) (*Second Reconsideration Order*).

³ *Id.* at 4825, para. 17.

must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters 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 for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. 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, commenters 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). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 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 mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street S.W., Room 5-B540, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 Twelve Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20054.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

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