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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU APPROVES COMPLIANCE PLANS WC Docket Nos. 07-21, 07-204, 07-273

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

On April 24, 2008, the Commission conditionally granted AT&T's and BellSouth's (collectively, AT&T) petitions for forbearance from section 220(a)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and various rules.¹ The grant was expressly conditioned on, among other things, Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approval of a compliance plan to be filed by AT&T "describing in detail how it will continue to fulfill its statutory and regulatory obligations, including sections 272(e)(3) and 254(k), and the conditions of [the *AT&T Cost Assignment Forbearance Order*]."² On September 6, 2008, the Commission extended the same relief, subject to the same conditions, to Verizon and Qwest.³ On December 12, 2008, the Commission granted AT&T, Verizon and Qwest forbearance from the obligation to file Automated Reporting Management Information System (ARMIS) Reports 43-01, 43-02, and 43-03, subject to the condition, among others, that the carriers obtain approval of the compliance plans required by the *AT&T Cost Assignment Forbearance Order* and *Verizon/Qwest Cost Assignment Forbearance Order*.⁴ After review of the compliance plans filed by AT&T, Verizon and Qwest, and the record of this proceeding, the Bureau approves the three plans effective immediately. We now find that AT&T, Verizon and Qwest have satisfied the condition that they obtain Bureau approval of compliance plans describing in detail how they will continue to fulfill their statutory and regulatory obligations.

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¹ *Petition of AT&T Inc. for Forbearance under 47 U.S.C. § 160 from Enforcement of Certain of the Commission's Cost Assignment Rules*, WC Docket Nos. 07-21, 05-342, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 23 FCC Rcd 7302 (2008) (*AT&T Cost Assignment Forbearance Order*), *pet. for recon. pending, pet. for review pending*, *NASUCA v. FCC*, Case No. 08-1226 (D.C. Cir. filed June 23, 2008).

² *AT&T Cost Assignment Forbearance Order*, 23 FCC Rcd at 7319-20, para. 31.

³ *Service Quality, Customer Satisfaction, Infrastructure and Operating Data Gathering*, WC Docket Nos. 08-190, 07-139, 07-204, 07-273, 07-21, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 23 FCC Rcd 13647 (2008) (*Verizon/Qwest Cost Assignment Forbearance Order*), *pet. for recon. pending, pet. for review pending*, *NASUCA v. FCC*, Case No. 08-1353 (D.C. Cir. filed Nov. 4, 2008).

⁴ See *Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance from Enforcement of the Commission's ARMIS and 492A Reporting Requirements Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c)*; *Petition of Verizon for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) From Enforcement of Certain of the Commission's Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements*, WC Docket Nos. 07-204, 07-273, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 08-271 (rel. Dec. 12, 2008) (*ARMIS Financial Reporting Forbearance Order*).