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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

[CC Docket No. 96-45; DA 01-278]

**Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Western Wireless's Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** In a Public Notice in this proceeding released on February 2, 2001, the Common Carrier Bureau sought comment on Western Wireless' petition seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier to receive federal universal service support for a service area comprised of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before March 12, 2001. Reply comments are due on or before March 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** See Supplementary Information section for where and how to file comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard D. Smith or Anita Cheng, Common Carrier Bureau, Accounting Policy Division, (202) 418-7400 TTY: (202) 418-0484.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 19, 2001, Western Wireless Corporation (Western Wireless) filed with the Commission a petition under section 214(e)(6) seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to receive federal universal service support for the provision of service on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Specifically, Western Wireless contends that: (1) Telecommunications service offered on the Pine Ridge Reservation is not subject to the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (South Dakota Commission), (2) Western Wireless meets all the statutory and regulatory requirements to be an ETC,

and (3) designating Western Wireless as an ETC for the Reservation will advance the public interest. The Common Carrier Bureau seeks comment on Western Wireless' petition.

In the *Twelfth Report and Order*, 65 FR 47941, August 4, 2000, the Commission concluded that a carrier seeking a designation of eligibility to receive federal universal service support for telecommunications service provided on tribal lands may petition the Commission for designation under section 214(e)(6), without first seeking designation from the appropriate state commission. The petitioner must provide copies of its petition to the appropriate state commission at the time of filing with the Commission. Pursuant to the guidelines established in the *Twelfth Report and Order*, the Commission will publish a copy of this Public Notice, or a summary thereof, in the **Federal Register**. The Commission will also send the Public Notice announcing the comment and reply comment dates to the South Dakota Commission by overnight express mail to ensure that the state commission is notified of the notice and comment period. To ensure that all interested parties are aware of the comment dates, the Bureau will issue a Public Notice following **Federal Register** publication specifying the exact comment and reply comment dates.

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments as follows: Comments are due March 12, 2001 and reply comments are due March 26, 2001. 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 FR 24121, May 1, 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 must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto: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. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman

Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street SW., Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

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

Dated: February 5, 2001.

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

**Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained