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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU AUTHORIZES FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION TO RECEIVE OVER \$283 MILLION IN CONNECT AMERICA PHASE II SUPPORT TO SERVE 1.3 MILLION RURAL AMERICANS IN 28 STATES

WC Docket No. 10-90

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) authorizes Frontier Communications Corporation (Frontier) to receive Connect America Phase II model-based support for the 28 states identified below. On April 29, 2015, the Bureau released a public notice announcing the offers of model-based Phase II support to each price cap carrier to fund the deployment of voice and broadbandcapable networks in their service territories.¹ On June 15, 2015, Frontier submitted a letter to the Commission accepting model-based support for each of the 28 states it serves and committing to satisfy the service obligations for Phase II.² Frontier also indicated that in the states where model-based support is greater than Phase I support, it elects to receive immediately the lump sum payment associated with prior months that reflects the difference between model-based Phase II support and Phase I support for those months.³

Accordingly, we authorize and direct the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to obligate and disburse from the Universal Service Fund the support amounts identified below for each state where Frontier has accepted support. As required by the Commission,⁴ consistent with Frontier's election, we direct USAC to disburse from the broadband reserve account a lump sum payment associated with January through June 2015 for those states where model-based support is greater than Phase I support.

¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Connect America Phase II Support Amounts Offered to Price Cap Carriers to Expand Rural Broadband, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 3905 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2015).

² Letter from John Lass, Executive Vice President, Field Operations, Frontier Communications Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed June 15, 2015).

³ *Id.* at 2. *See also Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 15644, 15677-678, paras. 92-93 (2014) (*December 2014 Connect America Order*).

⁴ December 2014 Connect America Order, 29 FCC Rcd at 15678, para. 93.

	Number of Funded	
State	Locations	Amount of Support
Frontier Nationwide Total	659,587	\$283,401,855
AL	7,376	\$2,998,480
AZ	22,768	\$13,281,066
СА	12,822	\$6,096,767
СТ	1,388	\$435,139
FL	951	\$342,490
GA	1,105	\$375,826
IA	5,438	\$4,240,587
ID	10,012	\$5,223,121
IL	56,001	\$31,017,498
IN	59,894	\$22,815,087
MI	68,512	\$21,733,859
MN	46,910	\$27,551,363
MS	2,528	\$816,996
MT	2,303	\$1,114,484
NC	11,981	\$3,596,156
NE	3,380	\$2,735,761
NM	7,032	\$4,426,327
NV	2,970	\$1,379,494
NY	45,610	\$17,381,485
ОН	66,592	\$22,927,850
OR	8,542	\$3,897,357
РА	11,031	\$3,891,253
SC	7,205	\$2,709,651
TN	6,458	\$2,126,605
UT	5,140	\$2,547,047
WA	19,713	\$8,688,054
WI	76,735	\$30,983,715
WV	89,190	\$38,068,337

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