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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU PUBLISHES TABLE OF RURAL, SUBURBAN, AND URBAN CENSUS BLOCK GROUPS IN THE ALTERNATIVE CONNECT AMERICA COST MODEL

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The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) previously invited comment on plant mix values for the Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) by August 28. 2015. The Bureau is posting a table showing the classification of census block groups as rural, suburban, and urban used in A-CAM to assist parties that may wish to comment on plant mix values.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Upcoming Modifications to the Alternative Connect America Cost Model, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 15-869 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. July 29, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The list of census block groups (CBGs) is available at <a href="https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/Urbanization\_classified\_Census\_block\_groups\_v2.zip">https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/Urbanization\_classified\_Census\_block\_groups\_v2.zip</a>. Approximately 79% of the CBGs in A-CAM are rural, approximately 21% are suburban, and less than 1% are urban. Density is measured at the CBG level and based upon the sum of locations in the CBG divided by the area. The density is classified as urban (= or > 5000/sq. mi); urban (= or > 200 sq. mi.) and Rural (< 200 sq. mi.). See Cost Quest Associates, Inc. Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM): Model Methodology at 4.2.3.9, available at <a href="https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/Model%20MethodologyACAM10v3.pdf">https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/Model%20MethodologyACAM10v3.pdf</a>.