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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET CONTROL MECHANISM CALCULATIONS FOR RATE-OF-RETURN CARRIERS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

WC Docket No. 10-90

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces the posting of the budget control mechanism calculations for rate-of-return carriers for the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. As required by the *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*,¹ the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has calculated the total support available to be distributed to rate-of-return carriers and adjustments to each carrier's support to implement the Commission's mechanism to ensure that disbursements remain within the \$2 billion budget adopted in 2011 and made this information available at <u>http://www.usac.org/hc/program-requirements/budget-control-rate-of-return.aspx</u>. The new support amounts announced by USAC will apply to support payments beginning in January 2017.

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¹ Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 3087, 3143-45, paras. 149-153 (2016) (*Rate-of-Return Reform Order and Further Notice*).