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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES CORRECTED OFFERS OF ALTERNATIVE CONNECT AMERICA COST MODEL SUPPORT TO COMPANIES AFFECTED BY TECHNICAL CORRECTION

## WC Docket No. 10-90

Today, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces corrected offers of Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) support, listed in the attachment, to the companies affected by the Bureau's technical correction to A-CAM announced in a Public Notice on October 28, 2016. The Bureau has also published a corrected list of census blocks eligible for model-based support.

As previously indicated, no other changes were made, and all other companies' A-CAM support amounts remain the same. If you have already elected to receive model support or plan to elect model support by the November 1 deadline and are not on the list, there is no need for further action.

If you are listed here and still wish to elect model support, please file a letter that acknowledges the corrected support amount and revised service obligations announced in today's Public Notice.<sup>3</sup> If you do not refile a corrected letter, the Bureau will deem you to have declined model-based support. Carriers should submit their election letters to the Bureau at <a href="ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov">ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov</a>. No authorizations will be made based on the support amounts released with the August 3, 2016 Public Notice for affected carriers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Technical Correction to Alternative Connect America Cost Model Affecting 32 Companies, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 16-1233 (WCB rel. Oct. 28, 2016). As discussed in the Public Notice released on October 28, 2016, the Bureau made a technical correction to the A-CAM to properly recognize coverage based on FCC Form 477 data filed by the incumbent carrier that were not properly accounted for in the prior version of the model. In the Rate-of-Return Reform Order, the Commission decided to exclude from support calculations those census blocks where the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) is offering broadband using either fiber to the premises or cable technologies. 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, 3109, para. 56 (2016) (Rate-of-Return Reform Order). Due to a coding error, however, in some cases such blocks were inadvertently included in support calculations when they should not have been. This issue arose in cases where the model was not properly observing the ILEC data because it instead incorrectly assumed the coverage was provided by a subsidized competitor (rather than the ILEC or affiliates).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Two carriers identified are not eligible for A-CAM support: AP TeleGuam Holdings (has deployed 10/1 Mbps broadband to 90 percent or more of eligible locations, based on its June 2015 FCC Form 477 data) and Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association (has deployed fiber to all of its eligible locations, based on its June 2015 FCC Form 477 data).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The list of census blocks is available at <a href="https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/ACAM">https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/ACAM</a> 232 CB Funded Yes list.zip.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Rate-of-Return Reform Order, 31 FCC Rcd at 3113-14, para. 67 (requiring carriers to submit a letter confirming election of model-based support amount as specified in the Public Notice and committing to satisfy the specific service obligations associated with the amount of support).

For additional information on this proceeding, contact Alex Minard (<u>Alexander.Minard@fcc.gov</u>) or Katie King (<u>Katie.King@fcc.gov</u>) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400.

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## **ATTACHMENT**

## CAF - A-CAM 2.3.2 - Report Version 9.0 Broadband Support and Obligations - Utilizes a Funding Benchmark of \$52.50, Extremely High Cost Threshold Not Applicable, Funding Cap Max \$200 per Location, Wired and Wireless equal True

State	Rate of Return Carrier	Holding Company	Total Rate of Return Carrier Model- Based Support	Total Number of Rate of Return Locations in Census Blocks Receiving Model- Based Funding	Number of Locations in Eligible Census Blocks with Obligation to Offer 25/3 Mbps	Number of Locations in Eligible Census Blocks with Obligation to Offer 10/1 Mbps	Number of Locations in Eligible Census Blocks with Obligation to Offer 4/1 Mbps	Number of Locations Remaining on Reasonable Request Standard
AK	GNRL	General Communication, Inc.	11,961,678	9,308	1,817	5,451	510	1,530
IA	BLDW2	Baldwin Nashville Telephone Company, Inc.	92,262	54	13	13	7	21
IA	FRMR6	Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company-Harlan	1,255,676	1,132	491	491	37	113
IA	GLDF	Goldfield Telephone Company	41,888	25	6	7	3	9
IA	HSPR	Hospers Telephone Exchange, Inc.	38,274	34	16	17	-	1
IA	JFTC	Jefferson Telephone Company	919,407	498	197	66	117	118
IA	KLNC	Kalona Cooperative Telephone Company	57,795	133	99	34	-	-
IA	LHGH	Lehigh Valley Telephone Cooperative Association	103,320	92	38	39	3	12
IA	MRNL	Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company	775,535	524	200	201	30	93
IA	OGDN2	Ogden Telephone Company	57,827	52	30	11	5	6
IA	ONSL	Onslow Cooperative Telephone Association	299,572	264	102	102	15	45
IA	PLMR	Palmer Mutual Telephone Company	73,291	40	6	19	3	12
IA	SCRN	Scranton Telephone Company	463,135	335	133	133	17	52
IA	SHRN	Sharon Telephone Company (IA)	19,411	17	10	4	1	2
IA	STRT3	Stratford Mutual Telephone Company	60,867	53	20	20	3	10
IA	WLNT	Walnut Telephone Company	209,844	211	86	86	9	30
IA	WLST	Woolstock Mutual Telephone Assoc.	240,072	142	22	69	12	39
IA	WYMN	Wyoming Mutual Telephone Company	434,525	256	92	92	18	54
KS	RRLT2	RURAL TEL SERVICE CO	4,256,367	2,671	344	1,032	323	972
LA	KPLN	Kaplan Telephone Company, Inc.	89,901	122	79	27	8	8

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) (T)	MDDM	Mid-Rivers Telephone	10 000 550	7.067	1.027	2.002	020	2 010
MT	MDRV	Cooperative, Inc.	12,920,550	7,867	1,027	3,083	939	2,818
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MT	NMNT	Cooperative, Inc.	7,812,458	7,498	1,461	4,383	413	1,241
MT	RNGT	Range Telephone Cooperative,	5,454,594	3,225	381	1,145	424	1,275
IVI I	KNUI	Nemont Telephone	3,434,394	3,223	361	1,143	424	1,273
ND	NMNT	Cooperative, Inc.	481,949	511	291	98	61	61
ND	INIVIINI	Northwest Communications	461,949	311	291	96	01	01
ND	NRTHW	Cooperative	3,480,434	2,674	419	1,260	248	747
1112	TATCHITA	ENMR Telephone	3,100,131	2,071	117	1,200	210	, 17
NM	ENMR	Cooperative, Inc.	12,057,268	9,379	1,489	4,470	855	2,565
		Leaco Rural Telephone	, , , , , , , , ,	- ,	,	,		,
NM	LCRR	Cooperative, Inc.	1,859,024	1,543	275	826	110	332
		Interstate Telecommunications						
SD	INTR4	Cooperative, Inc.	7,200,595	5,300	946	2,841	378	1,135
	·	DeKalb Telephone						
TN	DKLB	Cooperative, Inc.	3,417,059	7,905	5,890	1,964	25	26
		XIT Rural Telephone						
TX	XTRR	Cooperative, Inc.	578,565	333	40	123	42	128