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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU AUTHORIZES 182 RATE-OF-RETURN COMPANIES TO RECEIVE $454 MILLION ANNUALLY IN ALTERNATIVE CONNECT AMERICA COST MODEL SUPPORT TO EXPAND RURAL BROADBAND**

**WC Docket No. 10-90**

 Consistent with the Commission’s *A-CAM Revised Offer Order*, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) authorizes 182 rate-of-return companies that elected 217 revised offers of Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) support to receive model-based support.[[1]](#footnote-1) Nationwide, a total of 207 rate-of-return carriers in 43 states have now been authorized to receive A-CAM support.[[2]](#footnote-2) The accompanying report released today shows the state-level amounts of model-based support and associated deployment obligations for all carriers that have been authorized to receive model-based support.[[3]](#footnote-3)

 In the *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*, the Commission adopted a voluntary path for rate-of-return carriers to elect to receive model-based support for a 10-year term in exchange for extending broadband service to a pre-determined number of eligible locations.[[4]](#footnote-4) On Aug. 3, 2016, the Bureau announced the offers of model-based support to rate-of-return carriers with a deadline of Nov. 1, 2016 for carriers to indicate, on a state-by-state basis, whether they elect to receive model-based support.[[5]](#footnote-5) On Nov. 2, 2016, the Bureau announced that 216 rate-of-return companies had submitted letters electing 274 separate offers of A-CAM support in 43 states, and that model-based support and transition payments would exceed the overall 10-year budget set by the Commission by more than $160 million annually.[[6]](#footnote-6)

In the *A-CAM Revised Offer Order*, the Commission found that strong demand among rate-of-return carriers for model-based support warranted allocating an additional $50 million annually from existing cash in the high-cost account to the A-CAM budget for the 10-year term.[[7]](#footnote-7) The Commission adopted a methodology to make revised offers to electing carriers for whom the original offer of model-based support was more than the legacy support they received in 2015, and conditioned the acceptance of the second offer of A-CAM support upon a requirement that carriers electing that second offer agree to meet the terms of the original offer if additional high-cost support becomes available in 2017 to fund the original offers.[[8]](#footnote-8) On Dec. 20, 2016, the Bureau announced 228 revised offers of model-based support for 191 rate-of-return carriers with a deadline of Jan. 19, 2017 for those carriers to indicate, on a state-by-state basis, whether they elect to receive the revised amount of model-based support.[[9]](#footnote-9) One hundred eighty-two (182) rate-of-return companies submitted letters electing 217 separate revised offers of A-CAM support in 39 states.

We authorize and direct the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to obligate and disburse the annual support amounts over a 10-year term for each carrier that has accepted the revised offer of A-CAM support in the states identified in the attachment, once USAC has confirmed that the carrier has notified the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) that it is withdrawing from the Common Line pool. We also authorize and direct USAC to obligate and disburse the appropriate transition payments to 13 carriers for whom the revised support amount is less than legacy support received in 2015. All of the carriers authorized to receive model-based support are subject to defined deployment obligations that must be met over the 10-year period, with annual reporting of their progress.[[10]](#footnote-10) As noted above, acceptance of the revised offer of A-CAM support is conditioned upon a requirement that carriers electing that revised offer agree to meet the terms of the original offer if in 2017 the Commission decides to fund the original offers.

Collectively, the amount of legacy support, exclusive of CAF-ICC support, received in 2015 by all of the carriers accepting the offer of A-CAM support (both those authorized on Dec. 20, 2016 and those authorized today) was $328,837,694. The total amount of A-CAM support and transition payments that these authorized carriers will receive over the course of the 10-year term is $5,283,553,352, averaging $528,355,335 on an annualized basis. Therefore, the net increase in annualized support compared to legacy 2015 amounts is $199,517,641. Consistent with the *A-CAM Revised Offer Order*, $1,995,176,410 over the 10-year term will be provided from existing cash in the high-cost account to cover the net increase in support over this time period.[[11]](#footnote-11) Given this commitment of funds, we direct USAC to retain the appropriate amount of existing cash in the high-cost account to fund A-CAM, including transition payments, over the 10-year term.[[12]](#footnote-12)

We remind the carriers authorized to receive A-CAM support of their requirements related to tariffs. They must refile their special access tariffs removing the costs of Consumer Broadband-only Loops (CBOL) from the Special Access category, consistent with the *2016 Rate-of-Return Order*.[[13]](#footnote-13) They are permitted—but not required—to assess a wholesale CBOL charge that does not exceed $42 per line per month. Alternatively, they may detariff such a charge. Moreover, carriers receiving A-CAM support are not required to offer a separate transmission service, on either a tariffed or detariffed basis.

A-CAM recipients must also exit the NECA Common Line pool, while they have the option of continuing to use NECA to tariff their Common Line and CBOL charges. The carriers authorized today must coordinate with NECA on making any required tariff filings in order to ease the administrative burden associated with implementation of any changes. Once USAC confirms that a carrier has notified NECA of its intention to exit the Common Line pool, USAC may disburse A-CAM support.[[14]](#footnote-14)

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**ATTACHMENT**

**CAF - A-CAM 2.3.2 - Authorization Report Version 2.0**

**Authorized A-CAM Support & Obligations - Second Offer Elections**

**January 24, 2017**

| **State** | **Rate-of-Return Carrier** | **Holding Company** | **Annual A-CAM 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** |
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| ROR  | ROR | ROR Sub Total | $ 453,972,686 | 631,389 | 272,036 | 202,816 | 49,114 | 107,423 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  AK  |   ALSK  | Alaska Power & Telephone, Inc.  |  6,446,981  |  8,232  |  1,617  |  4,852  |  440  |  1,323  |
|  AK  |  RMTC | Remote Control, Inc.  |  926,178  |  562  |  9  |  27  |  131  |  395  |
|   AL  |   MLLR  |  Millry Corporation  |  2,915,365  |  5,106  |  2,285  |  2,286  |  133  |  402  |
|  AL  |   TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  3,840,606  |  11,516  |  8,277  |  2,759  |  240  |  240  |
|  AL  |  TLPH2  |  Telephone Electronics Corporation  |  1,049,719  |  2,999  |  1,940  |  647  |  206  |  206  |
|  AR  |  ARKN  |  Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.  |  2,334,716  |  4,723  |  3,268  |  1,090  |  182  |  183  |
|   AR |  CYPB  |  Cypress Break  |  386,667  |  260  |  19  |  59  |  45  |  137  |
|  AR  |  ERTT  |  E. Ritter Communications Holdings, Inc.  |  5,337,580  |  8,200  |  3,277  |  3,278  |  411  |  1,234  |
|  AR  |  TWNS  |  Townes Telecommunications, Inc.  |  1,981,007  |  3,124  |  1,317  |  1,318  |  122  |  367  |
|  AR  |  YLCT  |  Yelcot Holding Group, Inc.  |  2,498,450  |  5,979  |  3,743  |  1,248  |  494  |  494  |
|  AZ  |  HPTL  |  Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.  |  1,436,749  |  2,193  |  442  |  1,329  |  105  |  317  |
|  AZ  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  3,319,168  |  4,516  |  820  |  2,462  |  308  |  926  |
|  CA  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  2,406,009  |  2,995  |  1,130  |  1,130  |  183  |  552  |
|  CO  |  BJTL  |  Bijou Telephone Co-Op Association, Inc.  |  880,567  |  1,067  |  177  |  531  |  89  |  270  |
|  CO  |  JDNT  |  JED Enterprises, Inc.  |  863,006  |  1,041  |  186  |  558  |  74  |  223  |
|  CO  |  NCLN  |  Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company  |  956,121  |  889  |  79  |  239  |  142  |  429  |
|  CO  |  RCTL  |  Rico Telephone Company  |  165,329  |  272  |  58  |  176  |  9  |  29  |
|  CO  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  1,620,950  |  3,083  |  1,348  |  1,349  |  96  |  290  |
|  CO  |  TWNS  |  Townes Telecommunications, Inc.  |  455,333  |  304  |  18  |  55  |  57  |  174  |
|  GA  |  ALMT  |  Alma Telecom, Inc.  |  1,550,005  |  3,172  |  2,079  |  693  |  200  |  200  |
|  GA  |  CMST  |  ComSouth Corporation  |  964,332  |  1,265  |  812  |  271  |  91  |  91  |
|  GA  |  CTZN6  |  Citizens Telephone Company, Inc. (GA)  |  1,534,295  |  2,724  |  1,827  |  609  |  144  |  144  |
| GA | PLNT2 | Plant Telephone Company |  2,632,843  |  4,514  |  3,051  |  1,017  |  223  |  223  |
|  IA  |  BCCT  |  Barnes City Cooperative Telephone Company  |  102,175  |  139  |  24  |  73  |  10  |  32  |
|  IA  |  BRDT  |  Breda Telephone Corp.  |  680,675  |  839  |  317  |  317  |  51  |  154  |
|  IA  |  BTLR  |  Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company  |  1,683,664  |  1,661  |  947  |  316  |  199  |  199  |
|  IA  |  CMBR2  |  Cumberland Telephone Company  |  327,820  |  391  |  49  |  147  |  48  |  147  |
|  IA  |  CNCR  |  Coon Creek Telephone Company  |  263,331  |  363  |  107  |  108  |  37  |  111  |
|  IA  |  CNTR2  |  Center Junction Telephone Company, Inc.  |  120,069  |  134  |  32  |  32  |  17  |  53  |
|  IA  |  CNVL  |  Coon Valley Cooperative Telephone Association, Inc.  |  639,279  |  588  |  48  |  144  |  99  |  297  |
|  IA  |  CPRT2  |  Cooperative Telephone Company  |  796,013  |  832  |  171  |  172  |  122  |  367  |
|  IA  |  CSYM  |  Casey Mutual Telephone Company  |  263,308  |  290  |  68  |  68  |  38  |  116  |
|  IA  |  DNVL  |  Danville Mutual Telephone Company  |  415,654  |  507  |  328  |  110  |  34  |  35  |
|  IA  |  ESTB  |  East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative  |  468,053  |  532  |  138  |  139  |  63  |  192  |
|  IA  |  FRMR  |  Farmers Telephone Company-Essex  |  405,207  |  303  |  74  |  75  |  38  |  116  |
|  IA  |  FRMR6  |  Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company-Harlan  |  946,546  |  1,132  |  336  |  336  |  115  |  345  |
|  IA  |  FRMRJ  |  Farmers Mutual Telephone Company-Jessup  |  423,502  |  694  |  467  |  156  |  35  |  36  |
|  IA  |  JFTC  |  Jefferson Telephone Company  |  716,415  |  498  |  135  |  45  |  159  |  159  |
|  IA  |  LMTT  |  La Motte Telephone Company  |  741,520  |  779  |  283  |  284  |  53  |  159  |
|  IA  |  LNGL  |  Long Lines  |  762,042  |  669  |  286  |  96  |  143  |  144  |
|  IA  |  LNRC  |  Lone Rock Cooperative Telephone Company  |  225,969  |  174  |  24  |  75  |  18  |  57  |
|  IA  |  MBLC  |  Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company  |  725,531  |  710  |  263  |  263  |  46  |  138  |
|  IA  |  MCHN  |  Mechanicsville Telephone Company  |  377,220  |  349  |  61  |  61  |  56  |  171  |
|  IA  |  MDRN  |  Modern Cooperative Telephone Company  |  927,677  |  1,026  |  317  |  318  |  97  |  294  |
|  IA  |  MRTL  |  Martelle Cooperative Telephone Association  |  174,399  |  195  |  71  |  71  |  13  |  40  |
|  IA  |  MSSN  |  Massena Telephone Company  |  338,316  |  376  |  48  |  147  |  45  |  136  |
|  IA  |  MTLT2  |  Mutual Telephone Company of Morning Sun  |  279,870  |  290  |  62  |  62  |  41  |  125  |
|  IA  |  NRTCT  |  Northwest Telephone Cooperative  |  692,638  |  684  |  77  |  231  |  94  |  282  |
|  IA  |  NRTH  |  Northeast Iowa Telephone Company  |  1,195,648  |  900  |  294  |  98  |  254  |  254  |
|  IA  |  NRTH3  |  North English Cooperative Telephone Company  |  334,833  |  283  |  51  |  18  |  107  |  107  |
|  IA  |  NWLM  |  New Ulm Telecom, Inc.  |  391,896  |  390  |  73  |  73  |  61  |  183  |
|  IA  |  OLNT  |  Olin Telephone Company, Inc.  |  178,681  |  184  |  58  |  59  |  16  |  51  |
|  IA  |  ONSL  |  Onslow Cooperative Telephone Association  |  208,794  |  264  |  74  |  74  |  29  |  87  |
|  IA  |  ORNM  |  Oran Mutual Telephone Company  |  286,619  |  277  |  103  |  103  |  17  |  54  |
|  IA  |  RCKW  |  Rockwell Cooperative Telephone Association  |  305,067  |  282  |  91  |  92  |  24  |  75  |
|  IA  |  SCCN  |  Sac County Mutual Telephone Company  |  506,043  |  590  |  153  |  154  |  70  |  213  |
|  IA  |  SCHL  |  Schaller Telephone Company  |  1,050,171  |  943  |  196  |  197  |  137  |  413  |
|  IA  |  SPRR  |  Superior Telephone Cooperative  |  112,291  |  144  |  19  |  57  |  17  |  51  |
|  IA  |  TMPL  |  Templeton Telephone Company  |  296,300  |  272  |  79  |  80  |  28  |  85  |
|  IA  |  TRRL2  |  Terril Telephone Cooperative  |  266,957  |  232  |  31  |  94  |  26  |  81  |
|  IA  |  TTNK  |  Titonka Telephone Company  |  566,019  |  460  |  129  |  130  |  50  |  151  |
|  IA  |  VNBR  |  Van Buren Telephone Co., Inc.  |  1,048,261  |  1,123  |  416  |  416  |  72  |  219  |
|  IA  |  WLST  |  Woolstock Mutual Telephone Assoc.  |  187,938  |  142  |  15  |  46  |  20  |  61  |
|  IA  |  WSTR  |  Western Iowa Telephone Association  |  1,947,608  |  2,360  |  744  |  744  |  218  |  654  |
|  IA  |  WYMN  |  Wyoming Mutual Telephone Company  |  359,438  |  256  |  55  |  55  |  36  |  110  |
|  ID  |  BLCK  |  Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  1,259,938  |  2,248  |  871  |  871  |  126  |  380  |
|  ID  |  CMBR  |  Cambridge Telephone Company, Inc.  |  1,867,111  |  2,096  |  253  |  759  |  271  |  813  |
|  ID  |  MDLK  |  Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Assn., Inc.  |  823,735  |  889  |  107  |  321  |  115  |  346  |
|  ID  |  MRTL2  |  Martell Enterprises, Inc.  |  1,128,873  |  1,015  |  119  |  359  |  134  |  403  |
|  ID  |  PRJC  |  Project Mutual Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc.  |  2,004,379  |  3,250  |  1,226  |  1,226  |  199  |  599  |
|  ID  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  1,065,365  |  1,336  |  492  |  493  |  87  |  264  |
|  ID  |  WSTR4  |  Western Elite Incorporated Services  |  560,457  |  468  |  68  |  207  |  48  |  145  |
|  IL  |  ADMS  |  Adams Telephone Co-Operative  |  3,278,988  |  2,758  |  738  |  738  |  320  |  962  |
|  IL  |  CRSS3  |  Crossville Telephone Company  |  301,443  |  314  |  105  |  106  |  25  |  78  |
|  IL  |  CSSC  |  Cass Communications Management, Inc.  |  1,577,406  |  1,291  |  347  |  348  |  149  |  447  |
|  IL  |  FLTR  |  Flat Rock Telephone Co-Op, Inc.  |  174,835  |  192  |  106  |  36  |  25  |  25  |
|  IL  |  GLSF  |  Glasford Telephone Company  |  234,256  |  697  |  376  |  126  |  97  |  98  |
|  IL  |  HMLT  |  Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op  |  570,958  |  441  |  101  |  102  |  59  |  179  |
|  IL  |  HNRY  |  Henry County Communications, Inc.  |  496,374  |  483  |  98  |  99  |  71  |  215  |
|  IL  |  MCNB  |  McNabb Telephone Company  |  476,479  |  448  |  115  |  115  |  54  |  164  |
|  IL  |  MDCN  |  Mid Century Telephone Co-operative  |  3,098,061  |  3,477  |  979  |  980  |  379  |  1,139  |
|  IL  |  RYNL  |  Reynolds Telephone Company  |  272,145  |  235  |  77  |  77  |  20  |  61  |
|  IL  |  STLL  |  Stelle Telephone Company  |  66,804  |  63  |  6  |  2  |  27  |  28  |
|  IL  |  TNCT  |  Tonica Technologies, Inc.  |  278,578  |  370  |  220  |  74  |  38  |  38  |
|  IN  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  2,967,937  |  7,539  |  5,398  |  1,800  |  170  |  171  |
|  KS  |  LCTC  |  LICT Corporation  |  3,842,259  |  4,456  |  627  |  1,882  |  486  |  1,461  |
|  KS  |  THMN  |  The Moundridge Telephone Company  |  1,002,330  |  1,334  |  383  |  383  |  142  |  426  |
|  KS  |  TTHC  |  Totah Communications, Inc.  |  1,587,418  |  1,530  |  249  |  749  |  133  |  399  |
|  KY  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  2,197,795  |  5,062  |  3,562  |  1,188  |  156  |  156  |
|  LA  |  CPTL  |  CP-Tel Holdings, Inc.  |  1,418,236  |  2,200  |  933  |  934  |  83  |  250  |
|  ME  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  3,544,396  |  7,302  |  4,833  |  1,612  |  428  |  429  |
|  MI  |  CLNT  |  Clinton County Telephone Company  |  201,477  |  218  |  138  |  47  |  16  |  17  |
|  MI  |  CRRC  |  Carr Communications, Inc.  |  964,717  |  1,747  |  1,158  |  387  |  101  |  101  |
|  MI  |  HWTH  |  Hiawatha Communications, Inc.  |  7,394,892  |  9,343  |  1,545  |  4,638  |  790  |  2,370  |
|  MI  |  LCTC  |  LICT Corporation  |  6,502,550  |  8,559  |  1,432  |  4,297  |  707  |  2,123  |
|  MI  |  SNDC  |  Sand Creek Communications Company  |  499,807  |  689  |  445  |  149  |  47  |  48  |
|  MI  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  3,281,314  |  6,299  |  4,154  |  1,385  |  380  |  380  |
|  MN  |  ARVG  |  Arvig Enterprises, Inc.  |  21,559,568  |  33,455  |  20,993  |  6,998  |  2,732  |  2,732  |
|  MN  |  CHRS  |  Christensen Communications Company  |  536,263  |  420  |  83  |  28  |  154  |  155  |
|  MN  |  HNSN  |  Hanson Communications, Inc.  |  2,572,081  |  2,466  |  1,179  |  393  |  447  |  447  |
|  MN  |  INTR4  |  Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.  |  994,999  |  779  |  155  |  156  |  117  |  351  |
|  MN  |  LRSN  |  Larson Utilities, Inc.  |  1,423,622  |  1,160  |  243  |  244  |  168  |  505  |
|  MN  |  MBLC  |  Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company  |  633,384  |  518  |  186  |  63  |  134  |  135  |
|  MN  |  NRTH8  |  Northern Telephone Company/Wilderness Valley Telephone Company  |  330,942  |  231  |  33  |  101  |  24  |  73  |
|  MN  |  NWLM  |  New Ulm Telecom, Inc.  |  6,118,567  |  7,913  |  3,414  |  1,138  |  1,680  |  1,681  |
|  MN  |  PRKR  |  Park Region Mutual Telephone Company  |  3,092,315  |  4,351  |  2,735  |  912  |  352  |  352  |
|  MN  |  RRLC  |  Rural Communications Holding Corporation  |  4,433,893  |  6,035  |  2,784  |  928  |  1,161  |  1,162  |
|  MN  |  RTHS  |  Rothsay Telephone Co. Inc.  |  448,181  |  335  |  24  |  73  |  59  |  179  |
|  MN  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  5,099,964  |  10,788  |  7,362  |  2,454  |  486  |  486  |
|  MN  |  VNCE  |  VNC Enterprises, LLC  |  274,969  |  302  |  36  |  108  |  39  |  119  |
|  MN  |  WKST  |  Wikstrom Telephone Company, Inc.  |  6,782,806  |  6,587  |  997  |  2,992  |  649  |  1,949  |
|  MO  |  AMRC  |  American Broadband Communications et al.  |  1,697,128  |  1,839  |  270  |  812  |  189  |  568  |
|  MO  |  ELLN  |  Ellington Telephone Company  |  1,827,154  |  1,620  |  222  |  669  |  182  |  547  |
|  MO  |  GRND4  |  Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation  |  7,109,012  |  6,755  |  2,063  |  2,063  |  657  |  1,972  |
|  MO  |  LRTL  |  Le-Ru Telephone Company  |  1,251,380  |  1,645  |  1,068  |  357  |  110  |  110  |
|  MO  |  MRKT  |  Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company  |  4,613,053  |  4,280  |  635  |  1,908  |  434  |  1,303  |
|  MO  |  MYBT  |  May, Bott et al.  |  958,280  |  1,606  |  1,067  |  356  |  91  |  92  |
|  MO  |  OTLC  |  Otelco Inc.  |  3,535,744  |  3,480  |  1,199  |  1,199  |  270  |  812  |
|  MO  |  PCVL  |  Peace Valley Telephone Company  |  522,050  |  594  |  256  |  257  |  20  |  61  |
|  MS  |  FLNC  |  Fail, Inc.  |  1,856,145  |  5,148  |  3,285  |  1,096  |  383  |  384  |
|  MS  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  2,412,624  |  5,207  |  2,378  |  2,379  |  112  |  338  |
|  MS  |  TLPH2  |  Telephone Electronics Corporation  |  3,958,624  |  9,658  |  6,812  |  2,271  |  287  |  288  |
|  MS  |  TLPX  |  Telapex, Inc.  |  6,649,903  |  9,803  |  4,140  |  4,141  |  380  |  1,142  |
|  MS  |  TRCR  |  Traceroad, Inc.  |  356,621  |  682  |  444  |  148  |  45  |  45  |
|  MT  |  BLCK  |  Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  10,104,545  |  14,340  |  2,549  |  7,649  |  1,035  |  3,107  |
|  MT  |  CMMN  |  CommunityTel, Inc.  |  729,857  |  1,156  |  771  |  257  |  64  |  64  |
|  MT  |  HTSP  |  Hot Springs Telephone Company  |  692,736  |  1,021  |  177  |  533  |  77  |  234  |
|  MT  |  LNCL3  |  Lincoln Telephone Company  |  781,568  |  1,102  |  185  |  556  |  90  |  271  |
|  MT  |  MDRV  |  Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  9,847,608  |  7,867  |  809  |  2,428  |  1,157  |  3,473  |
|  MT  |  RNGT  |  Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  4,062,955  |  3,225  |  296  |  891  |  509  |  1,529  |
|  ND  |  ABSR  |  Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.  |  83,499  |  57  |  4  |  12  |  10  |  31  |
|  ND  |  ICTC  |  ICTC Group, Inc.  |  3,097,787  |  2,548  |  302  |  909  |  334  |  1,003  |
|  NE  |  AMRC  |  American Broadband Communications et al.  |  2,796,657  |  4,150  |  1,465  |  1,465  |  305  |  915  |
|  NE  |  CNSL2  |  Consolidated Communications, Inc. (NE)  |  3,631,215  |  4,043  |  492  |  1,479  |  518  |  1,554  |
|  NE  |  GRTP  |  Great Plains Communications, Inc.  |  17,671,797  |  15,765  |  2,043  |  6,130  |  1,898  |  5,694  |
|  NE  |  KMTL  |  K & M Telephone Company, Inc.  |  507,833  |  522  |  61  |  185  |  69  |  207  |
|  NE  |  PRCT  |  Pierce Telecommunications, Inc.  |  1,014,794  |  854  |  222  |  222  |  102  |  308  |
|  NE  |  THNB  |  The Nebraska Central Telephone Co.  |  4,548,493  |  4,235  |  585  |  1,758  |  473  |  1,419  |
|  NE  |  WSTW2  |  West Iowa Telephone Company  |  897,071  |  1,051  |  322  |  323  |  101  |  305  |
| NM  | LCTC  | LICT Corporation  |  6,761,960  |  6,720  |  970  |  2,913  |  709  |  2,128  |
|  NM  |  RSVL  |  Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  2,242,155  |  2,485  |  398  |  1,195  |  223  |  669  |
|  NV  |  LNCL  |  Lincoln Communications, Inc.  |  990,513  |  1,433  |  249  |  749  |  108  |  327  |
|  NV  |  MPVL  |  Moapa Valley Telecommunications, Inc.  |  1,161,491  |  2,619  |  525  |  1,576  |  129  |  389  |
|  NV  |  MRTL2  |  Martell Enterprises, Inc.  |  909,067  |  840  |  120  |  362  |  89  |  269  |
|  NY  |  ARMS  |  Armstrong Holdings, Inc.  |  1,239,632  |  2,175  |  1,509  |  504  |  81  |  81  |
|  NY  |  CHZY  |  Chazy & Westport Telephone  |  440,274  |  657  |  429  |  144  |  42  |  42  |
|  NY  |  CTZN3  |  Citizens Telephone Company of Hammond NY, Inc.  |  820,746  |  2,152  |  1,528  |  510  |  57  |  57  |
|  NY  |  DLHT  |  Delhi Telephone Company  |  886,799  |  1,355  |  927  |  310  |  59  |  59  |
|  NY  |  EMPR  |  Empire Telephone Corporation/North Penn Telephone Company  |  821,782  |  2,106  |  1,514  |  505  |  43  |  44  |
|  NY  |  FSHR  |  Fishers Island Telephone Company  |  495,355  |  754  |  397  |  133  |  112  |  112  |
|  NY  |  MRGR  |  Margaretville Telephone Company, Inc.  |  1,187,706  |  1,383  |  877  |  293  |  106  |  107  |
|  NY  |  NCHL  |  Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc.  |  720,720  |  1,053  |  687  |  229  |  68  |  69  |
|  NY  |  NWPR2  |  Newport Telephone Company, Inc.  |  959,423  |  2,190  |  1,577  |  526  |  43  |  44  |
|  NY  |  PTTR2  |  Pattersonville Telephone Company (NY)  |  130,926  |  279  |  201  |  67  |  5  |  6  |
|  NY  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  3,055,300  |  8,802  |  6,276  |  2,093  |  216  |  217  |
|  NY  |  THMD  |  The Middleburgh Telephone Company  |  1,064,486  |  2,507  |  1,730  |  577  |  100  |  100  |
|  OH  |  PTTR  |  Pattersonville Telephone Company (OH)  |  279,472  |  385  |  258  |  87  |  20  |  20  |
|  OH  |  SYCM  |  Sycamore Telephone Company  |  470,322  |  536  |  340  |  114  |  41  |  41  |
|  OH  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  1,101,885  |  2,042  |  1,397  |  466  |  89  |  90  |
|  OH  |  THRD  |  The Ridgeville Telephone Company  |  275,934  |  430  |  288  |  96  |  23  |  23  |
|  OK  |  CRNG  |  Carnegie Telephone Company  |  694,285  |  686  |  202  |  203  |  70  |  211  |
|  OK  |  OKLH  |  Oklahoma Western Telephone Company  |  3,847,511  |  3,774  |  642  |  1,929  |  300  |  903  |
|  OK  |  PNRT2  |  Pioneer Telephone Cooperative (OK)  |  18,217,112  |  18,953  |  2,677  |  8,032  |  2,061  |  6,183  |
|  OK  |  SLNS  |  Salina Spavinaw Telephone Co., Inc.  |  1,418,685  |  3,772  |  2,409  |  803  |  280  |  280  |
|  OK  |  STHW2  |  Southwest Oklahoma Telephone Company  |  782,695  |  718  |  83  |  251  |  96  |  288  |
|  OK  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  3,615,168  |  6,479  |  4,251  |  1,417  |  405  |  406  |
|  OK  |  VLLN  |  Valliant Telephone Company, Inc.  |  1,197,221  |  1,812  |  1,190  |  397  |  112  |  113  |
|  OR  |  DAYM  |  Day Management Corporation  |  3,496,448  |  5,005  |  906  |  2,720  |  344  |  1,035  |
|  OR  |  HLXT  |  Helix Telephone Company  |  344,664  |  312  |  40  |  121  |  37  |  114  |
|  OR  |  MNRT  |  Monroe Telephone Company  |  596,894  |  821  |  511  |  171  |  69  |  70  |
|  OR  |  PNRT3  |  Pioneer Telephone Cooperative (OR)  |  4,083,127  |  4,714  |  2,529  |  844  |  670  |  671  |
|  OR  |  RMTL  |  Roome Telecommunications Inc.  |  437,333  |  478  |  140  |  141  |  49  |  148  |
|  OR  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  219,969  |  140  |  6  |  21  |  28  |  85  |
|  PA  |  EMPR  |  Empire Telephone Corporation/North Penn Telephone Company  |  1,559,104  |  3,033  |  2,117  |  706  |  105  |  105  |
|  PA  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  1,004,515  |  2,152  |  1,488  |  496  |  84  |  84  |
|  PA  |  THNR  |  The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company  |  2,934,131  |  8,117  |  5,292  |  1,765  |  530  |  530  |
|  SC  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  1,437,613  |  3,813  |  2,714  |  905  |  97  |  97  |
|  SD  |  CLRT  |  Clarity Telecom, LLC  |  1,838,230  |  1,820  |  653  |  653  |  128  |  386  |
|  SD  |  HNSN  |  Hanson Communications, Inc.  |  2,758,430  |  3,094  |  551  |  1,656  |  221  |  666  |
|  SD  |  JMSV  |  James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company  |  3,811,574  |  3,300  |  379  |  1,140  |  445  |  1,336  |
|  TN  |  DKLB  |  DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  3,239,940  |  7,905  |  5,544  |  1,848  |  256  |  257  |
|  TN  |  TLPH2  |  Telephone Electronics Corporation  |  1,686,094  |  5,755  |  3,498  |  1,167  |  545  |  545  |
|  TX  |  BRZS  |  Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  2,321,736  |  2,037  |  207  |  622  |  302  |  906  |
|  TX  |  CLRD  |  Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  4,264,182  |  7,442  |  3,399  |  3,400  |  160  |  483  |
|  TX  |  CNTR4  |  Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  6,410,032  |  5,081  |  544  |  1,634  |  725  |  2,178  |
|  TX  |  ENMR  |  ENMR Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  102,996  |  114  |  35  |  36  |  10  |  33  |
|  TX  |  MDPL  |  Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  3,065,261  |  3,420  |  446  |  1,340  |  408  |  1,226  |
|  TX  |  PKLM  |  Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  2,072,068  |  1,590  |  148  |  446  |  249  |  747  |
|  TX  |  TTHL  |  TOTE Holdings LLC  |  3,563,703  |  4,508  |  1,726  |  1,727  |  263  |  792  |
|  TX  |  TYLR  |  Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  3,061,075  |  4,349  |  821  |  2,464  |  266  |  798  |
|  TX  |  WSTT  |  West Texas Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.  |  2,524,635  |  1,942  |  188  |  567  |  296  |  891  |
|  TX  |  WSTX  |  Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  |  3,285,356  |  2,460  |  195  |  586  |  419  |  1,260  |
|  UT  |  GNNS  |  Gunnison Telephone Company  |  338,638  |  377  |  49  |  149  |  44  |  135  |
|  UT  |  LCTC  |  LICT Corporation  |  4,486,661  |  5,553  |  859  |  2,580  |  528  |  1,586  |
|  UT  |  UBTB  |  UBTA-UBET Communications  |  7,736,235  |  8,824  |  1,467  |  4,403  |  738  |  2,216  |
|  VA  |  CTZN7  |  Citizens Telephone Cooperative (VA)  |  1,900,506  |  5,592  |  4,039  |  1,347  |  103  |  103  |
|  VA  |  HGHL  |  Highland Telephone Cooperative (VA)  |  1,263,240  |  1,111  |  347  |  348  |  104  |  312  |
|  VA  |  MGWC  |  MGW Communications, Inc.  |  1,827,552  |  1,766  |  288  |  865  |  153  |  460  |
|  VA  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  2,286,008  |  5,212  |  3,560  |  1,187  |  232  |  233  |
|  WA  |  MRTL2  |  Martell Enterprises, Inc.  |  1,562,611  |  2,259  |  435  |  1,308  |  129  |  387  |
|  WA  |  PNRT  |  Pioneer Telephone Holding Company  |  874,021  |  884  |  123  |  372  |  97  |  292  |
|  WA  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  1,464,344  |  3,587  |  2,335  |  779  |  236  |  237  |
|  WI  |  AMRY  |  Amery Telcom, Inc.  |  1,447,516  |  3,586  |  2,536  |  846  |  102  |  102  |
|  WI  |  BRCT  |  Bruce Telephone Company, Inc.  |  967,794  |  1,199  |  486  |  487  |  56  |  170  |
|  WI  |  CLRL2  |  Clear Lake Telephone Company  |  691,108  |  1,133  |  748  |  250  |  67  |  68  |
|  WI  |  CNVL2  |  Coon Valley Farmers Telephone Company, Inc.  |  905,090  |  1,235  |  804  |  269  |  81  |  81  |
|  WI  |  FRMR4  |  Farmers Independent Telephone Company  |  1,022,523  |  1,756  |  1,050  |  350  |  178  |  178  |
|  WI  |  HLLS  |  Hillsboro Telephone Company, Inc.  |  878,444  |  1,033  |  647  |  216  |  85  |  85  |
|  WI  |  MNTH  | Mount Horeb Telephone Company  |  1,001,115  |  1,251  |  784  |  262  |  102  |  103  |
|  WI  |  MNWT  |  Manawa Telecommunications, Inc.  |  770,465  |  1,659  |  1,149  |  383  |  63  |  64  |
|  WI  |  TDS  |  Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  |  18,879,232  |  35,379  |  24,443  |  8,148  |  1,394  |  1,394  |
|  WI  |  UNNT  |  Union Telephone Company  |  2,389,254  |  3,611  |  2,424  |  809  |  189  |  189  |
|  WI  |  WTNB  |  Wittenberg Telephone Company  |  1,009,991  |  1,905  |  1,342  |  448  |  57  |  58  |
|  WV  |  ARMS  |  Armstrong Holdings, Inc.  |  4,210,035  |  4,228  |  2,287  |  763  |  589  |  589  |
|  WV  |  TLTL  |  TelAtlantic, Inc.  |  376,523  |  792  |  555  |  185  |  26  |  26  |
|  WY  |  CHGW  |  Chugwater Telephone Company  |  448,982  |  309  |  13  |  41  |  63  |  192  |
|  WY  |  UNNT  |  Union Telephone Company  |  3,626,632  |  4,714  |  838  |  2,514  |  340  |  1,022  |

1. *Connect America Fund*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-178 (rel. Dec. 20, 2016) (*A-CAM Revised Offer Order*). A list of carriers authorized today to receive A-CAM support, with associated support amounts and deployment obligations, is attached to this Public Notice. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. In December 2016, the Bureau authorized 35 rate-of-return companies that elected 45 offers to receive A-CAM support pursuant to their initial elections. *Wireline Competition Bureau Authorizes 35 Rate-of-Return Companies to Receive More than $51 Million Annually in Alternative Connect America Cost Model Support and Announces Offers of Revised A-CAM Support Amounts to 191 Rate-of-Return Companies to Expand Rural Broadband*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 16-1422 (rel. Dec. 20, 2016) (*A-CAM First Authorization and Revised Offer PN*); *see also A-CAM Revised Offer Order*, FCC 16-178, para. 7. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The summary report for all carriers authorized to receive A-CAM support (both those authorized today and those authorized on Dec. 20, 2016), including a list of census blocks eligible for model-based support, is available at <https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-343180A1.xlsx>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. *Connect America Fund* et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order et al., 31 FCC 3087, 3094-3117, paras. 17-79 (2016) (*Rate-of-Return Reform Order*). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Support Amounts Offered to Rate-of-Return Carriers to Expand Rural Broadband*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 8641 (WCB 2016) (*A-CAM Offer PN*); *see also Wireline Competition Bureau Releases Report for Alternative Connect America Cost Model with Minor Corrections*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 8959 (WCB 2016); *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Corrected Offers of Alternative Connect America Cost Model Support to Companies Affected by Technical Correction*, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 16-1241 (WCB rel. Oct. 31, 2016). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Results of Rate-of-Return Carriers that Accepted Offer of Model Support*, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 16-1246 (WCB rel. Nov. 2, 2016) (*A-CAM Election Results PN*). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. To facilitate the voluntary path to the model, the Commission had previously allocated up to an additional $150 million annually from existing high-cost funds to fund A-CAM. *Rate-of-Return Reform Order,* 31 FCC Rcd at 3111, para. 60. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. *Id*. at paras. 8, 12. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. *A-CAM First Authorization and Revised Offer PN*, DA 16-1422. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. These carriers must satisfy deployment obligations associated with the support amounts they accepted as set forth in the Public Notice announcing the revised offers of support. *A-CAM First Authorization and Revised Offer PN,* DA 16-1422. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. *Id*. at para. 6; *A-CAM First Authorization and Revised Offer PN*. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. In the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, the Commission adopted an annual high-cost budget of $4.5 billion. *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, 26 FCC Rcd 17663, 17711-12, paras. 125-26 (2011), *aff’d In re: FCC 11-161*, 753 F.3d 1015 (10th Cir. 2014). It directed USAC to forecast total high-cost universal service demand as no less than $1.125 billion per quarter for years 2012-2017, in order to avoid dramatic shifts in the contribution factor while the Connect America Fund was implemented. *Id*. at 17847, para. 559-62. Absent further action, pursuant to existing rule, the contribution factor beginning in the first quarter of 2018 will take into account excess contributions to the high-cost program carried over from the fourth quarter of 2017. 47 C.F.R. § 54.709(b). Given the Commission’s decision to utilize existing cash to facilitate the voluntary path to the model, the net increase in support associated with implementation of A-CAM that USAC is directed to retain in the high-cost account shall not be treated as excess contributions for purposes of section 54.709(b). Thus, at the end of 2017, USAC is directed to retain $1,768,212,010 in the high-cost account to cover the net increase in support associated with A-CAM for 2018-2026. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. *See Access Charge Tariff Filings Introducing Broadband-only Loop Service*, Order, Docket No. 16-317, 31 FCC Rcd 11017 (WCB Oct. 6, 2016); *see also Access Charge Tariff Filings Introducing Broadband-only Loop Service*, Order on Reconsideration, Docket No. 16-317, 31 FCC Rcd 12007 (WCB Nov. 4, 2016). [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 3159-60, paras. 194-96. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)