Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

News Media Information 202 / 418-0500 Internet: http://www.fcc.gov TTY: 1-888-835-5322

DA 18-671

Released: June 27, 2018

WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR AUTHORIZED A-CAM COMPANIES TO ACCEPT REVISED OFFERS OF A-CAM SUPPORT TO JUNE 29

WC Docket No. 10-90

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces an extension of the deadline for authorized companies to accept revised offers of Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) support published on May 7, 2018.¹ For reasons of administrative convenience, authorized carriers that have not yet accepted the revised offer may do so until **Friday, June 29, 2018**.²

Carriers should submit their election letters to the Bureau at ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov. To elect the revised support amount for a state or states, a carrier must submit a letter signed by an officer of the company confirming that the carrier elects the revised model-based support amount as specified in Report 11.0 released on May 7, 2018, and commits to satisfy the specific service obligations associated with that amount of model support. If a carrier fails to submit any final election letter by the June 29, 2018 deadline, it will be deemed to have declined the second revised offer and will continue to receive current support amounts and be subject to current deployment obligations. Carriers submitting election letters will receive an e-mail confirming receipt and should contact the Bureau no later than 4 p.m. on June 29, 2018 if they do not receive such confirmation. Confirmation of receipt does not constitute authorization to receive A-CAM support pursuant to the terms of the second revised offer. No further action is required of any carrier that has already received confirmation of receipt. Carriers electing the revised offer of model-based support will not begin receiving such support until the Bureau issues a public notice authorizing the Universal Service Administrative Company to disburse the appropriate amounts.

For additional information on this proceeding, contact Ted Burmeister (<u>Theodore.Burmeister@fcc.gov</u>) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400.

- FCC -

¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Offers of A-CAM Support Amounts to 217 Authorized A-CAM Companies to Expand Rural Broadband, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 18-465 (WCB May 7, 2018); see also Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Report and Order, Third Order on Reconsideration, and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-29, at paras. 62-69 (rel. Mar. 23, 2018). Elections were originally due June 21, 2018.

² Pursuant to Commission rules, the election will be considered timely if it is received by 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. 47 CFR §§ 0.403, 1.7.