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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU AUTHORIZES ALL**

**ELIGIBLE PRICE CAP CARRIERS TO RECEIVE A SEVENTH YEAR OF**

**CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE II MODEL-BASED SUPPORT**

**WC Docket No. 10-90**

Today, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces that all eligible price cap carriers that currently receive Connect America Phase II support based on the Connect America Cost Model (CAM) elected to receive an additional, seventh year of such support. Upon issuance of this Public Notice, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is directed and authorized to obligate and disburse from the Universal Service Fund the amounts identified in Attachment A to the respective carriers beginning January 2021.

Consistent with the Commission’s direction in the *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Order*,[[1]](#footnote-3) in July the Bureau released a Public Notice establishing the process by which eligible price cap carriers could elect to receive an additional year of model-based support.[[2]](#footnote-4) Carriers had until September 28, 2020 to indicate, on a state-by-state basis, whether they would continue to receive model-based support for 2021.[[3]](#footnote-5) Each price cap carrier listed in Attachment A submitted a letter signed by an officer of the company confirming that it elected to receive the model-based support amounts as specified in the July Public Notice.[[4]](#footnote-6) In exchange for receiving this seventh year of support from January 2021 through December 2021, these carriers are “required to continue providing broadband with performance characteristics that remain reasonably comparable to the performance characteristics of terrestrial fixed broadband service in urban America.”[[5]](#footnote-7)

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**Attachment A**

**CACM Authorized Annual Support by State**

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| **State** | **Carrier** | **Authorized Annual Support** |
| AL | AT&T INC. | $ 23,161,780 |
| AL | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 17,290,009 |
| AL | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 2,998,480 |
| AL | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 511,038 |
| AR | AT&T INC. | $ 21,350,835 |
| AR | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 19,761,508 |
| AR | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 13,163,783 |
| AZ | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 10,089,092 |
| AZ | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 13,281,066 |
| CA | AT&T INC. | $ 60,240,434 |
| CA | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 14,837 |
| CA | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 38,074,824 |
| CO | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 26,509,143 |
| CT | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 435,139 |
| FL | AT&T INC. | $ 8,485,813 |
| FL | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 10,916,671 |
| FL | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 2,660,998 |
| FL | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 342,490 |
| FL | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 5,236,626 |
| GA | AT&T INC. | $ 25,345,199 |
| GA | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 269,719 |
| GA | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 375,826 |
| GA | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 24,867,807 |
| HI | CINCINNATI BELL INC. | $ 4,424,319 |
| IA | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 17,893,887 |
| IA | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 4,240,587 |
| IA | MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY (IA) | $ 2,184,040 |
| IA | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 28,672,554 |
| IA | WINNEBAGO COOPERATIVE TELECOM ASSN. | $ 209,176 |
| ID | CENTURYLINK, INC. | 6,279,869 |
| ID | NORTHWEST FIBER, LLC | $ 5,223,121 |
| IL | AT&T INC. | $ 8,932,507 |
| IL | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 2,093,982 |
| IL | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 8,084,857 |
| IL | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 31,017,498 |
| IN | AT&T INC. | $ 17,576,788 |
| IN | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 10,736,352 |
| IN | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 22,815,087 |
| KS | AT&T INC. | $ 18,942,367 |
| KS | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 16,501,327 |
| KY | AT&T INC. | $ 30,962,548 |
| KY | CINCINNATI BELL INC. | $ 2,034,186 |
| KY | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 21,576,987 |
| LA | AT&T INC. | $ 27,907,591 |
| LA | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 9,471,015 |
| ME | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 13,289,220 |
| MI | AT&T INC. | $ 29,750,677 |
| MI | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 9,028,031 |
| MI | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 21,733,859 |
| MN | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 54,035,150 |
| MN | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 2,516,502 |
| MN | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 27,551,363 |
| MN | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 1,519,855 |
| MO | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 74,927,427 |
| MO | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 1,689,794 |
| MO | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 14,187,910 |
| MP | PTI PACIFICA INC. | $ 2,627,177 |
| MS | AT&T INC. | $ 49,772,592 |
| MS | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 816,996 |
| MS | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 917,403 |
| MT | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 15,195,628 |
| MT | NORTHWEST FIBER, LLC | $ 1,114,484 |
| NC | AT&T INC. | $ 3,498,889 |
| NC | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 10,008,390 |
| NC | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 3,596,156 |
| NC | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 1,952,082 |
| ND | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 5,656,741 |
| NE | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 6,888,416 |
| NE | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 2,735,761 |
| NE | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 13,591,437 |
| NH | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 4,376,606 |
| NJ | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 450,340 |
| NM | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 10,942,747 |
| NM | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 4,426,327 |
| NV | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 1,072,346 |
| NV | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 1,379,494 |
| NY | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 2,568,269 |
| NY | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 17,381,485 |
| NY | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 1,557,976 |
| OH | AT&T INC. | $ 14,802,500 |
| OH | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 15,982,805 |
| OH | CINCINNATI BELL INC. | $ 194,944 |
| OH | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 420,997 |
| OH | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 22,927,850 |
| OH | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 4,154,270 |
| OK | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 215,303 |
| OK | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 7,788,213 |
| OR | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 17,759,903 |
| OR | NORTHWEST FIBER, LLC | $ 3,897,357 |
| PA | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 10,562,353 |
| PA | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 239,836 |
| PA | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 3,891,253 |
| PA | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 13,001,364 |
| SC | AT&T INC. | $ 9,689,453 |
| SC | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 2,952,228 |
| SC | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 2,709,651 |
| SC | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 935,383 |
| SD | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 9,117,215 |
| TN | AT&T INC. | $ 26,137,862 |
| TN | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 1,662,828 |
| TN | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 2,126,605 |
| TX | AT&T INC. | $ 42,078,424 |
| TX | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 11,300,418 |
| TX | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 1,915,321 |
| TX | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 16,576,929 |
| TX | WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. | $ 21,260,790 |
| UT | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 1,894,802 |
| UT | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 2,547,047 |
| VA | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 15,731,765 |
| VA | WILKES TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION | $ 857,021 |
| VT | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 8,789,359 |
| WA | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 24,412,884 |
| WA | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | $ 1,321,014 |
| WA | NORTHWEST FIBER, LLC | $ 8,688,054 |
| WI | AT&T INC. | $ 9,070,392 |
| WI | CENTURYLINK, INC. | $ 55,384,589 |
| WI | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 30,983,715 |
| WV | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION | $ 38,068,337 |
| **Sub-Total** |  | **$ 1,497,972,328** |

1. *See* *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund; Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 19-126, 10-90, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 686, 740-42, paras. 127, 129 (2020) (*Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Order*). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Deadline for Price Cap Carriers to Elect Seventh Year of Connect America Fund Phase II Model-Based Support*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 7954 (WCB 2020) (*Seventh Year Election PN*). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. *See* *Seventh Year Election PN*, 35 FCC Rcd at 7954. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. *See id.* at 7956-63. In May 2020, Northwest Fiber, LLC d/b/a Ziply Fiber (Ziply) acquired properties from Frontier Communications Corporation in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. *See Applications Filed for the Transfer of Control of Certain Subsidiaries of Frontier Communications Corporation to Northwest Fiber, LLC*, WC Docket No. 19-188, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Declaratory Ruling, 34 FCC Rcd 12344 (IB/WCB/WTB 2019).As part of this transaction, Ziply assumed Frontier’s ongoing CAF Phase II obligations in these four states. *See id.* at 12352-53, n.79. Ziply elected to receive a seventh year of model-based support in these states. *See* Letter from Byron E. Springer, Jr., General Counsel, Northwest Fiber, LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (Aug. 25, 2020). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 741-42, para. 129 (citing *Connect America Fund et al*., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663, 17726-27, para. 163 (2011), *aff’d sub nom. In re FCC 11-161*, 753 F.3d 1015 (10th Cir. 2014)). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)