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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES CARRIERS THAT HAVE ACCEPTED ENHANCED ALTERNATIVE CONNECT AMERICA COST MODEL SUPPORT TO EXPAND RURAL BROADBAND WC Docket No. 10-90

Today, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces carriers that have accepted offers of model-based Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) support. A list of the names and study areas codes for these carriers can be found https://example.com/here.2 Carriers were required to elect such support on a state-by-state basis by Friday, September 29, 2023 by submitting an election letter to the Bureau at ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov. If a carrier failed to submit a final election letter by the September 29, 2023 deadline, the carrier will be deemed to have declined the Enhanced A-CAM offer and will continue to receive support under its existing program and be subject to its existing A-CAM I, Revised A-CAM I, A-CAM II, or CAF BLS deployment obligations. Carriers that submitted election letters should have received an e-mail confirming that their letters have been received and reviewed for completeness. We note that based on the election letters received, the number of acceptances has exceeded the participation threshold set by the Commission in the Enhanced A-CAM Order. Any carrier that believes that it elected Enhanced A-CAM support but is not included in the list linked above should contact Ted Burmeister (Theodore.Burmeister@fcc.gov) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400, no later than 12:00pm Eastern Daylight Time on October 10, 2023.

Confirmation of receipt of a carrier's election letter and inclusion on this list does not constitute authorization to receive Enhanced A-CAM support pursuant to the terms of the offer. Carriers electing Enhanced A-CAM support will not begin receiving such support until the Bureau issues a public notice authorizing the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to disburse the appropriate amounts. The Commission is publishing this list of carriers that have accepted Enhanced A-CAM "to inform, among other processes, the BEAD Program challenges conducted by states or eligible entities and prevent any duplication of support to a location where it is determined that the Enhanced A-CAM service provider plans to deploy a technology that would satisfy the requirements for being deemed an enforceable commitment for the deployment of qualifying broadband to a location."

¹ See Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Universal Service Support; Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan; Expanding Broadband Service Through the ACAM Program, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, 09-197, and 16-271; RM-1168, Report and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 23-60, at 42, para. 98 (July 24, 2023) (Enhanced A-CAM Order).

² In a small number of cases, carriers submitted election letters that must be revised before the elections will be authorized. https://www.fcc.gov/document/list-accepted-enhanced-cam-carriers.

³ Enhanced A-CAM Order at 43, para. 101.

⁴ *Id.* at 43, para. 100.

For additional information on this proceeding, please contact Ted Burmeister, of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, as indicated above.

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