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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES POSTING OF COMPARISON OF RATE-OF-RETURN CARRIERS' DEPLOYMENT OBLIGATIONS FOR A-CAM AND CAF-BLS

### WC Docket No. 10-90

Today, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces the posting of information comparing the defined deployment obligations that would apply to rate-of-return carriers electing model-based support versus the defined deployment obligations for rate-of-return carriers remaining on the reformed legacy universal service mechanisms (including Connect America Fund-Broadband Loop Support, or CAF-BLS).

On August 3, 2016, the Bureau announced the offers of Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) model support and a report showing the service obligations that must be fulfilled over a ten-year period within eligible census blocks in a given state by rate-of-return carriers electing to receive model-based support.<sup>1</sup> On October 6, 2016, the Bureau posted information regarding the obligation to newly deploy broadband that must be fulfilled over a five-year period by rate-of-return carriers remaining on the reformed legacy universal service mechanisms.<sup>2</sup> The state-wide obligation for each rate-of-return carrier under these alternatives is available at:

[https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/ACAM\\_231\\_Summary\\_CAFBLS\\_oblig\\_102016\\_Final.xlsx](https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/ACAM_231_Summary_CAFBLS_oblig_102016_Final.xlsx).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Support Amounts Offered to Rate-of-Return Carriers to Expand Rural Broadband*, WC Docket No. 10-90, 31 FCC Rcd 8641 (WCB 2016) (*A-CAM Offer Public Notice*); 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).

<sup>2</sup> *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Posting of Information Regarding Deployment Obligations for Incumbent Rate-of-Return Carriers*, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 16-1141 (WCB Oct. 6, 2016). These carriers may select one of two methods for determining their Connect America Fund-Broadband Loop Support deployment obligation.

<sup>3</sup> The deployment obligations for carriers remaining on legacy support are determined at the study area level, but rolled up here to the state-wide level for ease of comparison because carriers are required to make state-wide elections of model-based support. See *A-CAM Offer Public Notice*, 31 FCC Rcd at 8643.