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Frontier Communications Accepts Over \$283 Million Connect America Fund Offer to Expand and Support Broadband for 1.3 Million Rural Americans

Washington, D.C. (June 16, 2015) – Frontier Communications Inc. has accepted \$283.4 million from the Connect America Fund to expand and support broadband to over 1.3 million of its rural customers in 28 states.

The Connect America Fund will provide ongoing support for rural broadband networks in Frontier’s service area capable of delivering broadband at speeds of at least 10 Mbps for downloads and 1 Mbps uploads in over 650,000 homes and businesses nationwide

“The Connect America Fund will enable Frontier to expand robust broadband in its rural service areas, benefitting its customers and their communities,” said FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler. “This is a major step forward in the FCC’s efforts to ensure that all Americans have access to modern broadband and the opportunities it provides, no matter where they live.”

The list of states, locations served and dollar amounts is as follows:

State	Homes and Businesses Service	Amount of Support
Frontier U.S. Total	659,587	\$283,401,855
AL	7,376	\$2,998,480
AZ	22,768	\$13,281,066
CA	12,822	\$6,096,767
CT	1,388	\$435,139
FL	951	\$342,490
GA	1,105	\$375,826
IA	5,438	\$4,240,587
ID	10,012	\$5,223,121
IL	56,001	\$31,017,498
IN	59,894	\$22,815,087
MI	68,512	\$21,733,859
MN	46,910	\$27,551,363
MS	2,528	\$816,996

MT	2,303	\$1,114,484
NC	11,981	\$3,596,156
NE	3,380	\$2,735,761
NM	7,032	\$4,426,327
NV	2,970	\$1,379,494
NY	45,610	\$17,381,485
OH	66,592	\$22,927,850
OR	8,542	\$3,897,357
PA	11,031	\$3,891,253
SC	7,205	\$2,709,651
TN	6,458	\$2,126,605
UT	5,140	\$2,547,047
WA	19,713	\$8,688,054
WI	76,735	\$30,983,715
WV	89,190	\$38,068,337

Like telephone service in the 20th Century, broadband has become essential to life in the 21st Century. But, according to the FCC’s latest Broadband Progress Report, nearly one in three rural Americans lack access to 10/1 broadband, compared to only one in 100 urban Americans.

The FCC’s traditional universal service program succeeded in ensuring telephone network coverage in rural America by providing subsidies where the cost of service would otherwise be prohibitive. In late 2011, the FCC modernized the program to support networks capable of providing broadband and voice services, and created the Connect America Fund to efficiently and effectively administer that support to expand broadband in rural areas where market forces alone can’t support expansion.

Since then, Phase I of Connect America has provided \$438 million to expand broadband to nearly 1.7 million people in over 637,000 homes and businesses in 45 states and Puerto Rico, including \$133 million to Frontier. Over the next six years, Phase II of Connect America will provide more than \$10 billion to expand broadband-capable networks throughout rural America nationwide, all without increasing the cost of the program to ratepayers.

Carriers receiving Connect America Fund support must build out broadband to 40% of funded locations by the end 2017, 60% by end of 2018, and 100% by the end of 2020. Overall, the FCC’s Universal Service Fund allocates \$4.5 billion annually through various universal service programs for high-cost areas to support voice- and broadband-capable networks in rural America.

A spreadsheet listing all counties by state where Frontier will expand broadband is available at https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/CAM43_County_FINAL_052115.xlsx.

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