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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES POSTING OF COST MODEL

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In 1998, the Commission adopted a forward-looking economic cost model to be used in determining federal high-cost universal service support for non-rural carriers.¹ The model was designed to run with the Microsoft software operating system and applications used by the Commission at the time, Windows 98 and Microsoft Office 1997. The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) last updated the lines used in the model to estimate costs in 2003 using this version of the cost model.² The Bureau has migrated the model's application modules to run with more current versions of Microsoft software. This version is compatible with the following minimum operating system requirements: Microsoft Windows XP Operating System, Service Pack 2 or greater, and Microsoft Office Suite 2003, Service Pack 3 or greater. The Bureau is now posting this version of the model, along with a user guide and additional documentation, on the Commission's Web site (www.fcc.gov/wcb/tapd/hcpm/) in conjunction with the Commission's *Notice of Inquiry*, released April 8, 2009, which seeks comment on revising the high-cost universal service support mechanism for non-rural carriers.³

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¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160, Fifth Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 21323 (1998).

² The Commission delegated to the Common Carrier Bureau the authority to make technical changes to the model. *See id.* at 21330, para. 13. As part of a Commission restructuring in 2002, the Common Carrier Bureau was renamed the Wireline Competition Bureau. *Federal Communications Commission's Common Carrier Bureau Reorganized Along Functional Lines*, News Release (Mar. 8, 2002), available at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-220644A1.pdf.

³ *High-Cost Universal Service Support, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, Notice of Inquiry, FCC 09-28 (rel. Apr. 8, 2009).