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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINE FOR COMMENTING ON CONNECT AMERICA PHASE II COST MODEL VIRTUAL WORKSHOP DISCUSSION TOPICS

WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) commenced the Connect America Phase II cost model virtual workshop.¹ Today, the Bureau announces that comments must be posted on or before November 19, 2012 for the following topics:

- Determining Customer Locations
- Clustering
- Routing
- Capturing Variation by Geography
- Inter-Office Transport Cost
- Voice Capability
- Wire Center Facilities
- Sizing of Network Facilities
- The Use of Company-Specific Values
- Calculating Opex
- Determining the Annualized Cost of Capital Investments

The Bureau reserves the right to reopen discussion on these topics at a future date.

Parties can participate in the virtual workshop by visiting the Connect America Fund webpage, http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/connecting-america, and following the link to the virtual workshop. Comments from the virtual workshop will be included in the official public record of this proceeding. The Bureau will not rely on anonymous comments posted during the workshop in reaching decisions regarding the model. Participants should be aware that identifying information from parties that post material in the virtual workshop will be publicly available for inspection upon request, even though such information may not be posted in the workshop forums.

Reasonable accommodations, including materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, and audio format) for people with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need, and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Please make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill. Accommodation requests should be sent to Kelly Jones, Kelly.Jones@fcc.gov, at 202-418-7078 (voice), 202-418-1169 (TTY), or 845-474-0054 (video).

¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Commencement of Connect America Phase II Cost Model Virtual Workshop, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 05-337, Public Notice, DA 12-1561 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Oct. 9, 2012). See also Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Connect America Phase II Cost Model Virtual Workshop, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 05-337, Public Notice, DA 12-1487 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Sept. 12, 2012).

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