WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES ACCESS TO HIGH-COST LOOP SUPPORT DATA SUBMITTED BY NECA

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In the USF/ICC Transformation Order, the Commission adopted a benchmarking rule intended to moderate the expenses of rate-of-return carriers with very high costs compared to their similarly situated peers, while encouraging other rate-of-return carriers to advance broadband deployment.¹ On April 25, 2012, in the HCLS Benchmarks Implementation Order, the Bureau adopted the methodology for implementing the benchmarking rule, which establishes limits on recovery of capital costs and operating expenses for high-cost loop support (HCLS).²

In the HCLS Benchmarks Implementation Order, the Bureau directed the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) to “provide to the Bureau a recalculated [national average cost per loop (NACPL)] for redistribution and a schedule of HCLS for all carriers for the six-month period of July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 within 30 days of the release of [the HCLS Benchmarks Implementation Order].”³ NECA provided the data, as well as an overview of the filing.⁴ Through this Public Notice, the Bureau announces that NECA’s submission is publicly available through ECFS.

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³ Id., para. 10 n.29.

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