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

WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337

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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¹ See *Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund*; WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC 17663, 17741-47, paras. 210-26 (2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order and FNPRM*); *pets. for review pending sub nom.* In re: FCC 11-161, No. 11-9900 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 8, 2011).

² *Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support*; WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337, Order, DA 12-646 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Apr. 25, 2012) (*HCLS Benchmarks Implementation Order*).

³ *Id.*, para. 10 n.29.

⁴ Letter from Jennifer Leonard, NECA, to Sharon Gillett, FCC (dated May 24, 2012).

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