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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES AVAILABLILTY OF ADDITIONAL STAFF PRESENTATION REGARDING CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE II

WC Docket No. 10-90

As a part of its open, transparent and deliberative process to implement Connect America Fund Phase II (Phase II),¹ the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) presented three webinars about Phase II to state public utility commissions on September 11, 12, and 25, 2013. The Bureau posted the staff presentations associated with the first two webinars on the Commission's website on September 17, 2014.² Today, the Bureau announces that it is making a PDF copy of the associated staff presentation for the third webinar available on the Commission's website at <u>http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/price-cap-resources</u>.

The third presentation, titled "Connect America Fund Phase II Challenge Process," describes the process by which parties can challenge whether an area is served by an unsubsidized competitor for purposes of determining eligible areas for Phase II funding.³ This staff presentation has also been submitted into the record in WC Docket 10-90.⁴

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¹ Connect America Fund Phase II will provide ongoing support to areas served by price cap carriers, including areas currently lacking broadband-capable infrastructure, using "a combination of a forward-looking broadband cost model and competitive bidding." *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Red 17663, 17673-74, paras. 23-25 (2011), *pets. for review pending sub nom. In re: FCC 11-161*, No. 11-9900 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 8, 2011).

² See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Staff Presentations Regarding Connect America Phase II, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA-13-1919 (Sept. 17, 2013).

³ See Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 7211 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013) (adopting the framework for the Phase II challenge process).

⁴ The associated staff presentations for the first two webinars were submitted into the record earlier this month. *See* Letter from Michael J. Jacobs, Legal Advisor to the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Sept. 17, 2013).