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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ADDS NEW DISCUSSION TOPIC TO CONNECT AMERICA COST MODEL VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

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On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announced the commencement of a virtual workshop to solicit input and facilitate discussion on topics related to the development and adoption of the forward-looking cost model for Connect America Phase II. ¹ To date, the Bureau has sought comment on 22 different topics in the virtual workshop.²

Today, the Bureau adds a new virtual workshop discussion topic, entitled "Operating Expenses Input Values." Responses should be submitted in the virtual workshop no later than **April 25, 2013**. 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 directed to Kelly Jones, at Kelly Jones @fcc.gov, 202-418-7078 (voice), 202-418-1169 (TTY), or 845-474-0054 (video).

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¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Commencement of Connect America Phase II Cost Model Virtual Workshop, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337, Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 11977 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012). See also Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Connect America Phase II Cost Model Virtual Workshop, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337, Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 11056 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012).

² On March 11, 2013, the Bureau announced the release of version three of the Connect America Cost Model. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version Three of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 2316 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013).