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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU RELEASES LIST OF STUDY AREA BOUNDARIES BEING FILED BY STATE COMMISSIONS

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The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) has established requirements for the collection of study area boundary data from incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) or state commissions on their behalf.¹ On March 18, 2013, the Bureau directed state commissions that intend to submit study area boundary data to file a notice of their intent to do so no later than April 12, 2013.² Regulatory commissions from 12 states – Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, and Washington – filed such notifications that they plan to submit study area boundary data for some or all of the ILECs in their states. A complete list of the study area codes and corresponding ILECs for which these state commissions plan to submit study area boundary data is attached.³ These state commissions are required to submit and certify the data no later than June 28, 2013, using the Commission's Study Area Boundary Data Collection State website at https://sab.fcc.gov/state/login/.⁴

ILECs serving study areas for which boundary data will not be submitted by a state commission are required to submit and certify data for their study area(s) no later than May 23, 2013, using the Commission's Study Area Boundary Data Collection ILEC website at <u>https://sab.fcc.gov/ilec/login/</u>.⁵

In some cases, a state commission indicated that it plans to submit boundary data for a study area that crosses state lines and is partially located in a neighboring state. In such cases, the state commission may choose whether to submit and/or certify the accuracy of the boundary of the portion of the study area located outside of that commission's state. Therefore, if that state commission does not submit and certify the accuracy of the boundary data for the portion of the study area that is located in the neighboring state, the ILEC serving that study area must submit and certify the boundary data for the

¹ Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337, Report and Order, 27 FCC Rcd 13528 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012); Order on Reconsideration, 28 FCC Rcd 1489 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013).

² Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Procedures and Deadlines for Submissions of Study Area Boundaries, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337, Public Notice, DA 13-456 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Mar. 18, 2013) (Study Area Boundary Procedures PN).

³ Copies of the individual state commission submissions are available online at the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) *at* <u>http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment_search/input?z=3w9kb</u>, by searching Proceeding Number 10-90.

⁴ Study Area Boundary Procedures PN, DA 13-456, at 1.

⁵ *Id.* at 2.

portion of the study area that is located in the neighboring state, unless the commission for the neighboring state also indicated that it plans to submit and certify boundary data for that study area.

Additional information on the study area boundary data collection can be found on the Commission's study area boundary webpage at <u>http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/study-area-boundary-data-collection</u>. Specific questions about the study area boundary data collection requirements or procedures may be sent to <u>StudyAreaBoundaries@fcc.gov</u>. You can also contact the study area boundary staff at the Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC, by calling (202) 418-0940, (202) 418-0484 (tty). For additional information about this Public Notice, please contact Chelsea Fallon at (202) 418-7991 or <u>Chelsea.Fallon@fcc.gov</u>; Suzanne Mendez at (202) 418-0941 or <u>Suzanne.Mendez@fcc.gov</u>; or John Emmett at (202) 418-0386 or John.Emmett@fcc.gov.

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