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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINES FOR CONNECT AMERICA PHASE I ROUND TWO

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Recipients of Phase I Round Two support are required to identify certain location information, including latitude and longitude, for each location to be counted toward satisfaction of the recipient's deployment obligation.¹ That information must be submitted no later than one year after filing notices of acceptance.² Different carriers filed their notices of acceptance on different dates, with the last acceptance filed on February 24, 2014. For purposes of administrative efficiency, we will implement a consolidated deadline for all Phase I Round Two funding recipients to file location information.³ Accordingly, location information for Phase I Round Two locations is due no later than February 24, 2015.

Recipient of Phase I Round Two support must complete deployment of broadband-capable infrastructure to two-thirds of the required number of locations within two years of providing notice of acceptance of funding, and must complete deployment to all required locations within three years.⁴ We hereby clarify that the relevant date for purposes of determining this deadline is the date on which the amount of Round Two funding to be authorized for each carrier was finalized.⁵ We conclude doing so appropriately reflects the date at which carriers were certain of the extent of their deployment obligations.

¹ 77 Fed. Reg. 26987, 26988 (May 8, 2012).

² *Id.*

³ See, e.g., Letter from Michael D. Saperstein, Vice President – Federal Regulatory Affairs, Frontier Communications, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (Feb. 24, 2014).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(c)(9).

⁵ For Alaska Communications Systems, Hawaiian Telcom, and Puerto Rico Telephone Company, the date used for calculating when deployment milestones must be met is October 31, 2013. *Over \$32 Million of Connect America Funding Authorized to Connect Unserved Homes and Businesses in Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 14896 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013). For CenturyLink and FairPoint the date is January 10, 2014. *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Order, 29 FCC Rcd 181 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014) (for FairPoint, this is the date when the Wireline Competition Bureau resolved outstanding challenges impacting FairPoint). For AT&T, Frontier Communications, and Windstream, the date is March 14, 2014. *Additional \$16.7 Million in Connect America Phase I Support Authorized*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 2824 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014) (like AT&T and Windstream, Frontier Communications conditioned its acceptance on the outcome of the challenge process; this is the date when funding was finalized, after Frontier Communications opted not to accept additional funds). Each carrier must complete deployment to two-thirds of locations within two years of the given date, and all locations within three years, however, certification that deployment has been completed is not due until the annual report following the deployment deadline. Thus, the two-third deployment certifications for all carriers are due July 1, 2016; the complete deployment certifications for

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all carriers are due July 3, 2017. 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(b)(1) (July 1, 2017 is a Saturday; under 47 C.F.R. § 1.4(j), the due date falls on the following Monday).