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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF VERSION 4.1.1 OF THE CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE II COST MODEL

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The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces the availability of version 4.1.1 of the Connect America Cost Model (CAM v4.1.1). CAM v4.1.1 incorporates minor corrections to the broadband coverage used by the model and makes a number of technical changes as described below. These minor adjustments do not have a material effect on the funding levels previously released by the Bureau.²

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¹ The Bureau also is making available a new solution set and updated model documentation. The model outputs for this solution set SS20140414CAM411 can be found under the Model Outputs section of the Posted Data Sets tab. Including version 4.1.1, the Bureau has now released eleven versions of the model. See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version One of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model, WC Docket Nos, 10-90, 05-337, Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 15356 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012); Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version Two of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 280 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); 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); Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 3.1 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 5707 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 3.1.2 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model and Adds Additional Discussion Topics to Connect America Cost Model Virtual Workshop, WC Docket No. 10-90. Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 7293 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 3.1.3 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 8339 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 3.1.4 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model, Illustrative Results, and Updated Methodology Documentation, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 9049 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 3.2 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model, and Illustrative Results; Seeks Comment on Several Modifications for Non-Contiguous Areas, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 12833 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 4.0 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model and Seeks Comment on Adopting Current Default Inputs in Final Version of Model, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 16339 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 4.1 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 14-394 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Mar. 21, 2014).

² Illustrative results for CAM v4.1 are available at http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/connect-america-cost-model-illustrative-results.

CAM v4.1.1 corrects the broadband coverage for approximately 5400 census blocks to reflect the fact that these census blocks are not served by a fixed wireless provider. CAM v4.1.1 also contains updates to the TelcoMaster table to incorporate corrections to certain holding company names.³ Finally, CAM v4.1.1 modifies certain headers and field descriptions on two CAM reports.⁴

CAM v4.1.1 is available at http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/caf-phase-ii-models or https://cacm.usac.org/. In order to access any version of the model, parties must execute the relevant acknowledgement of confidentiality, licensing, and nondisclosure documents released as attachments to a *Third Supplemental Protective Order*.⁵

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³ The "Updates to TelcoMaster" document, located at the Posted Data Sets tab, documents the changes to the TelcoMaster table incorporated into this version of the model.

⁴ Specifically, CAM v4.1.1 updates the Plant Non-Specific header and field description abbreviation on the Cost Investment Detail report from NPS to PNS, and updates various field descriptions on the Audit Middle Mile FDR report.

⁵ See Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, Third Supplemental Protective Order, 27 FCC Rcd 15277 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012) (Third Supplemental Protective Order).