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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES ENTITIES UNDER CONSIDERATION AS NEXT-IN-LINE BIDDERS FOR RURAL BROADBAND EXPERIMENTS SUPPORT**

**WC Docket No. 10-90**

**WC Docket No. 14-259**

 On December 18, 2014, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) established a process to enable the provisional selection of additional bidders for rural broadband experiments support in the event any of the initial provisionally selected bidders defaulted before the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) finalized the list of census blocks that will be offered to the price cap carriers for Phase II of the Connect America Fund.[[1]](#footnote-1) Specifically, all bidders in the rural broadband experiments interested in being considered as next-in-line bidders were required to file, by Tuesday, January 6, 2015, their most recent three consecutive years of audited financial statements, including balance sheets, net income, and cash flow, as well as a description of the technology and system design that would be used to deliver voice and broadband service meeting the requisite speeds to all locations in the funded census blocks, including a network diagram, which must be certified by a professional engineer.[[2]](#footnote-2)

 Today, the Bureau announces the entities that successfully submitted the required financial and technical information by the Commission’s January 6th deadline. We note that this does not determine which entities ultimately may be provisionally selected as next-in-line bidders; Attachment A simply lists the entities that submitted the required information and indicated their interest in remaining under consideration by the deadline.[[3]](#footnote-3) Provisionally selected bidders have until 11:59p.m. EST today, February 3rd, to file a letter from an acceptable bank committing to provide the bidder with a letter of credit. Once we determine whether any additional funding is available due to the failure of any current provisionally selected bidders to file a commitment letter by the required deadline, we will announce which among those on Attachment A now are provisionally selected bidders.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**Potential Next-in-Line Bidders**

| **FRN** | **Entity Name** |
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| 0015034358 | Allband Communications Cooperative |
| 0003746898 | Allen’s TV Cable Service, Inc. |
| 0002073427 | BARC Electric Cooperative |
| 0002506384 | Barry Electric Cooperative, Inc |
| 0002477636 | BEK Communications Cooperative |
| 0015024946 | Big Bend Telecom, LTD |
| 0018928994 | Callabyte Technology LLC |
| 0002295400 | City of Chanute, Kansas |
| 0003772787 | Clarence Telephone Company, Inc. |
| 0021854278 | Co-Mo Comm, Inc. |
| 0007266703 | Daktel Communications, LLC |
| 0007690258 | Delta Communications LLC |
| 0001566306 | Douglas Services, Inc. |
| 0005420278 | EPB |
| 0001624030 | Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. |
| 0003747722 | Farmers Mutual Telephone Company |
| 0003741576 | Federated Telephone Cooperative |
| 0023978471 | French Broad Electric Membership Corporation |
| 0018367177 | Geneseo Communications Services, Inc. |
| 0022311088 | Georgia Communications Cooperative, Inc. |
| 0003744224 | Halstad Telephone Company |
| 0005039854 | Hargray of Georgia, Inc. |
| 0024068207 | Henry County REMC |
| 0004821989 | Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative |
| 0004530812 | Kit Carson Electric Cooperative |
| 0023985237 | Lake Region Technology & Communications, LLC |
| 0023076508 | Midwest Energy Cooperative dba Midwest Connections |
| 0018562611 | New Lisbon Broadband and Communications LLC |
| 0001732742 | North Arkansas Electric Cooperative Incorporative |
| 0021320155 | Northeast Rural Services, Inc. |
| 0004364022 | Northern Valley Communications, LLC |
| 0007956725 | Orcas Power and Light Cooperative |
| 0001732718 | Ozarks Electric Cooperative Corporation |
| 0002644953 | Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative |
| 0003800570 | Plateau Telecommunications Incorporated |
| 0021344072 | PREPA Networks, LLC |
| 0024048613 | Rock County Broadband Alliance, LLC |
| 0014860530 | Sacred Wind Communications, Inc. |
| 0024062309 | Skybeam, LLC |
| 0010678001 | Sunset Digital Communications, Inc. |
| 0005017298 | Troy Cablevision, Inc. |
| 0016087876 | United Electric Cooperative, Inc |
| 0024051898 | Valley Electric Association, Inc. |
| 0023997562 | Volunteer Energy Cooperative |
| 0004327219 | Wabash Independent Networks Inc. |
| 0002645612 | West Central Telephone Association |
| 0004319372 | Wikstrom Telephone Company, Inc. |
| 0011915014 | Wilkes Communications, Inc |

1. *See Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Obsolete ILEC Regulatory Obligations that Inhibit Deployment of Next-Generation Networks*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, 14-192, Report and Order, FCC 14-190, para. 83 (rel. Dec. 18, 2014). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Deadline for Bidders Interested in Remaining Under Consideration for Rural Broadband Experiments Support to File Additional Information*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-259, Public Notice, DA 14-1839 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Dec. 18, 2014). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This list does not include entities that successfully submitted bids, but requested a waiver of or failed to meet the Commission’s requirement to file the requisite financial and technical information by the January 6th deadline. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)