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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU RELEASES UPDATED REPORT FOR ALTERNATIVE CONNECT AMERICA COST MODEL VERSION 1.0.1

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In the *April 2014 Connect America Order and FNPRM*, the Commission proposed a transition framework for a voluntary election by rate-of-return carriers to receive model-based support and directed the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) to make the adjustments necessary to the Connect America Cost Model (CAM) so that it could be used for rate-of-return areas, including incorporating the results of the study area boundary data collection.<sup>1</sup> On March 6, 2015 the Bureau released a report illustrating how different assumptions used in calculating support impact the potential support calculated for a particular study area compared to 2014 support amounts based on the 2014 Monitoring Report.<sup>2</sup> The 2014 Monitoring Report contained high-cost information based on data received through September 2014; high-cost payments for calendar year 2014 were extrapolated from payments applicable to January through June 2014.

Today, the Bureau releases a new report that reflects updated 2014 high-cost support amounts, showing actual claims for the full calendar year.<sup>3</sup> The new report released today and posted on the Commission's website shows the same seven scenarios and merely is revised to reflect updated 2014 support amounts.<sup>4</sup> The illustrative results under all seven scenarios are unchanged.

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<sup>1</sup> *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order et al., 29 FCC Rcd 7051, 7074, para. 70, 7139-40, para. 276, 7143, para. 290 (2014) (*April 2014 Connect America Order and FNPRM*). On December 22, 2014, the Bureau announced the availability of the first version of a model that could be used for rate-of-return carriers that voluntarily elect to transition to model-based support, the Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM v1.0). *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 4.2 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model and the First Version of an Alternative Cost Model Being Developed for Potential Use in Rate-of-Return Areas*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 16157 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014) (*A-CAM v1.0 Public Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> *Wireline Competition Bureau Releases Alternative Cost Connect America Cost Model Version 1.0.1 and Illustrative Results for Potential Use in Rate-of-Return Areas*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 15-294 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014) (*A-CAM v1.0.1 Illustrative Results Public Notice*).

<sup>3</sup> This new report was produced using the same solution set "SSACAM20150302ACAM\_1\_0\_1" as the prior report and is available at [http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/ACAM\\_101\\_ILL\\_Rpt\\_Version1\\_1\\_FINAL\\_031415.xlsx](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/ACAM_101_ILL_Rpt_Version1_1_FINAL_031415.xlsx). Additional information about A-CAM is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/rate-return-resources>.

<sup>4</sup> The updated 2014 support amounts are payments made in accordance with claims applicable to 2014, available at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/federal-state-joint-board-monitoring-reports>.