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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU AUTHORIZES WINDSTREAM TO RECEIVE OVER \$174 MILLION IN CONNECT AMERICA PHASE II SUPPORT IN 17 STATES

WC Docket No. 10-90

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) authorizes Windstream Corporation (Windstream) to receive Connect America Phase II model-based support for the 17 states identified below. On April 29, 2015, the Bureau released a public notice announcing the offers of model-based Phase II support to each price cap carrier to fund the deployment of voice and broadband-capable networks in their service territories.¹ On August 4, 2015, Windstream submitted a letter to the Commission accepting model-based support for 17 of the states where it is an incumbent local exchange carrier and committing to satisfy the service obligations for Phase II.²

Accordingly, we authorize and direct the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to obligate and disburse from the Universal Service Fund the Phase II support amounts identified below for each state where Windstream has accepted support. As required by the Commission,³ consistent with Windstream's election, we direct USAC to disburse from the broadband reserve account a lump sum payment associated with January through July 2015 for those states where model-based support is greater than Phase I support.

¹ *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Connect America Phase II Support Amounts Offered to Price Cap Carriers to Expand Rural Broadband*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 3905 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2015).

² Letter from Tony Thomas, Windstream, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Aug. 5, 2015). Windstream declined the Phase II offer of model-based support in New Mexico.

³ *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 15644, 15678, para. 93 (2014).

State	Number of Funded Locations	Amount of Support
Windstream Total	404,625	\$ 174,895,478
AL	1,889	\$ 511,038
AR	32,312	\$ 13,163,783
FL	17,891	\$ 5,236,626
GA	64,721	\$ 24,867,807
IA	44,930	\$ 28,672,554
KY	62,070	\$ 21,576,987
MN	4,440	\$ 1,519,855
MO	27,509	\$ 14,187,910
MS	2,760	\$ 917,403
NC	6,988	\$ 1,952,082
NE	21,560	\$ 13,591,437
NY	5,210	\$ 1,557,976
OH	13,073	\$ 4,154,270
OK	16,741	\$ 7,788,213
PA	34,807	\$ 13,001,364
SC	3,144	\$ 935,383
TX	44,580	\$ 21,260,790

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