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WIRELINER COMPETITION BUREAU AUTHORIZES FAIRPOINT TO RECEIVE OVER \$37 MILLION IN CONNECT AMERICA PHASE II SUPPORT IN 14 STATES

WC Docket No. 10-90

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) authorizes FairPoint Communications, Inc. (FairPoint) to receive Connect America Phase II model-based support for the 14 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 18, 2015, FairPoint submitted a letter to the Commission accepting model-based support for 14 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 FairPoint has accepted support. As required by the Commission,³ consistent with FairPoint'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 Paul H. Sunu, Chief Executive Officer, FairPoint Communications, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Aug. 18, 2015). FairPoint declined the Phase II offer of model-based support in Colorado and Kansas.

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
FairPoint Total	105,220	\$ 37,430,669
AL	1,601	\$ 806,445
FL	4,321	\$ 1,854,554
IL	1,711	\$ 1,086,151
MA	252	\$ 63,258
ME	35,500	\$ 13,289,220 ⁴
MO	3,503	\$ 1,689,794
NH	13,131	\$ 4,376,606
NY	8,807	\$ 2,505,011
OH	1,247	\$ 420,997
OK	650	\$ 215,303
PA	467	\$ 155,938
VA	2,440	\$ 857,021
VT	28,399	\$ 8,789,359
WA	3,191	\$ 1,321,014

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⁴ If the Bureau determines that there is a discrepancy between the number of model-determined locations and the actual number of locations in a price cap carrier's service area in a state, the Commission has delegated authority to the Bureau to adjust the number of funded locations and the associated funding levels on a pro rata basis. *Id.* at 15659, para. 38 n.88.