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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU PUBLISHES TABLE OF**

**RURAL, SUBURBAN, AND URBAN CENSUS BLOCK GROUPS IN THE**

**ALTERNATIVE CONNECT AMERICA COST MODEL**

**WC Docket No. 10-90**

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) previously invited comment on plant mix values for the Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) by August 28. 2015.[[1]](#footnote-2) The Bureau is posting a table showing the classification of census block groups as rural, suburban, and urban used in A-CAM to assist parties that may wish to comment on plant mix values.[[2]](#footnote-3)

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1. *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Upcoming Modifications to the Alternative Connect America Cost Model*, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 15-869 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. July 29, 2015). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The list of census block groups (CBGs) is available at <https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/Urbanization_classified_Census_block_groups_v2.zip>. Approximately 79% of the CBGs in A-CAM are rural, approximately 21% are suburban, and less than 1% are urban. Density is measured at the CBG level and based upon the sum of locations in the CBG divided by the area. The density is classified as urban (= or > 5000/sq. mi); urban (= or > 200 sq. mi.) and Rural (< 200 sq. mi.). *See* Cost Quest Associates, Inc. Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM): Model Methodology at 4.2.3.9, available at <https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/Model%20MethodologyACAM10v3.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)