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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES CORRECTED OFFERS OF ALTERNATIVE CONNECT AMERICA COST MODEL SUPPORT TO COMPANIES AFFECTED BY TECHNICAL CORRECTION**

**WC Docket No. 10-90**

Today, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces corrected offers of Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) support, listed in the attachment, to the companies affected by the Bureau’s technical correction to A-CAM announced in a Public Notice on October 28, 2016.[[1]](#footnote-2) The Bureau has also published a corrected list of census blocks eligible for model-based support.[[2]](#footnote-3)

As previously indicated, no other changes were made, and all other companies’ A-CAM support amounts remain the same. If you have already elected to receive model support or plan to elect model support by the November 1 deadline and are not on the list, there is no need for further action.

If you are listed here and still wish to elect model support, please file a letter that acknowledges the corrected support amount and revised service obligations announced in today’s Public Notice.[[3]](#footnote-4) If you do not refile a corrected letter, the Bureau will deem you to have declined model-based support.  Carriers should submit their election letters to the Bureau at [ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov](mailto:ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov). No authorizations will be made based on the support amounts released with the August 3, 2016 Public Notice for affected carriers.

For additional information on this proceeding, contact Alex Minard ([Alexander.Minard@fcc.gov](mailto:Alexander.Minard@fcc.gov)) or Katie King ([Katie.King@fcc.gov](mailto:Katie.King@fcc.gov)) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400.

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**ATTACHMENT**

**CAF - A-CAM 2.3.2 - Report Version 9.0**

**Broadband Support and Obligations - Utilizes a Funding Benchmark of $52.50,**

**Extremely High Cost Threshold Not Applicable, Funding Cap Max $200 per Location, Wired and Wireless equal True**

| **State** | **Rate of Return Carrier** | **Holding Company** | **Total Rate of Return Carrier Model-Based Support** | **Total Number of Rate of Return Locations in Census Blocks Receiving Model-Based Funding** | **Number of Locations in Eligible Census Blocks with Obligation to Offer 25/3 Mbps** | **Number of Locations in Eligible Census Blocks with Obligation to Offer 10/1 Mbps** | **Number of Locations in Eligible Census Blocks with Obligation to Offer 4/1 Mbps** | **Number of Locations Remaining on Reasonable Request Standard** |
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| AK | GNRL | General Communication, Inc. | 11,961,678 | 9,308 | 1,817 | 5,451 | 510 | 1,530 |
| IA | BLDW2 | Baldwin Nashville Telephone Company, Inc. | 92,262 | 54 | 13 | 13 | 7 | 21 |
| IA | FRMR6 | Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company-Harlan | 1,255,676 | 1,132 | 491 | 491 | 37 | 113 |
| IA | GLDF | Goldfield Telephone Company | 41,888 | 25 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| IA | HSPR | Hospers Telephone Exchange, Inc. | 38,274 | 34 | 16 | 17 | - | 1 |
| IA | JFTC | Jefferson Telephone Company | 919,407 | 498 | 197 | 66 | 117 | 118 |
| IA | KLNC | Kalona Cooperative Telephone Company | 57,795 | 133 | 99 | 34 | - | - |
| IA | LHGH | Lehigh Valley Telephone Cooperative Association | 103,320 | 92 | 38 | 39 | 3 | 12 |
| IA | MRNL | Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company | 775,535 | 524 | 200 | 201 | 30 | 93 |
| IA | OGDN2 | Ogden Telephone Company | 57,827 | 52 | 30 | 11 | 5 | 6 |
| IA | ONSL | Onslow Cooperative Telephone Association | 299,572 | 264 | 102 | 102 | 15 | 45 |
| IA | PLMR | Palmer Mutual Telephone Company | 73,291 | 40 | 6 | 19 | 3 | 12 |
| IA | SCRN | Scranton Telephone Company | 463,135 | 335 | 133 | 133 | 17 | 52 |
| IA | SHRN | Sharon Telephone Company (IA) | 19,411 | 17 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| IA | STRT3 | Stratford Mutual Telephone Company | 60,867 | 53 | 20 | 20 | 3 | 10 |
| IA | WLNT | Walnut Telephone Company | 209,844 | 211 | 86 | 86 | 9 | 30 |
| IA | WLST | Woolstock Mutual Telephone Assoc. | 240,072 | 142 | 22 | 69 | 12 | 39 |
| IA | WYMN | Wyoming Mutual Telephone Company | 434,525 | 256 | 92 | 92 | 18 | 54 |
| KS | RRLT2 | RURAL TEL SERVICE CO | 4,256,367 | 2,671 | 344 | 1,032 | 323 | 972 |
| LA | KPLN | Kaplan Telephone Company, Inc. | 89,901 | 122 | 79 | 27 | 8 | 8 |
| MT | MDRV | Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 12,920,550 | 7,867 | 1,027 | 3,083 | 939 | 2,818 |
| MT | NMNT | Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 7,812,458 | 7,498 | 1,461 | 4,383 | 413 | 1,241 |
| MT | RNGT | Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 5,454,594 | 3,225 | 381 | 1,145 | 424 | 1,275 |
| ND | NMNT | Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 481,949 | 511 | 291 | 98 | 61 | 61 |
| ND | NRTHW | Northwest Communications Cooperative | 3,480,434 | 2,674 | 419 | 1,260 | 248 | 747 |
| NM | ENMR | ENMR Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 12,057,268 | 9,379 | 1,489 | 4,470 | 855 | 2,565 |
| NM | LCRR | Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 1,859,024 | 1,543 | 275 | 826 | 110 | 332 |
| SD | INTR4 | Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. | 7,200,595 | 5,300 | 946 | 2,841 | 378 | 1,135 |
| TN | DKLB | DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 3,417,059 | 7,905 | 5,890 | 1,964 | 25 | 26 |
| TX | XTRR | XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 578,565 | 333 | 40 | 123 | 42 | 128 |

1. *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Technical Correction to Alternative Connect America Cost Model Affecting 32 Companies*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 16-1233 (WCB rel. Oct. 28, 2016). As discussed in the Public Notice released on October 28, 2016, the Bureau made a technical correction to the A-CAM to properly recognize coverage based on FCC Form 477 data filed by the incumbent carrier that were not properly accounted for in the prior version of the model. In the *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*, the Commission decided to exclude from support calculations those census blocks where the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) is offering broadband using either fiber to the premises or cable technologies.  *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 3087, 3109, para. 56 (2016) (*Rate-of-Return Reform Order)*. Due to a coding error, however, in some cases such blocks were inadvertently included in support calculations when they should not have been.  This issue arose in cases where the model was not properly observing the ILEC data because it instead incorrectly assumed the coverage was provided by a subsidized competitor (rather than the ILEC or affiliates).

   2 Two carriers identified are not eligible for A-CAM support: AP TeleGuam Holdings (has deployed 10/1 Mbps broadband to 90 percent or more of eligible locations, based on its June 2015 FCC Form 477 data) and Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association (has deployed fiber to all of its eligible locations, based on its June 2015 FCC Form 477 data). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The list of census blocks is available at <https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/ACAM_232_CB_Funded_Yes_list.zip>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. *Rate-of-Return Reform Order,* 31 FCC Rcd at 3113-14, para. 67 (requiring carriers to submit a letter confirming election of model-based support amount as specified in the Public Notice and committing to satisfy the specific service obligations associated with the amount of support). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)