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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU RELEASES LIST OF CENSUS BLOCKS ELIGIBLE FOR PHASE II SUPPORT ALLOCATED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEW YORK STATE BROADBAND PROGRAM

WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) releases the list of census blocks that have been deemed initially eligible for Connect America Phase II support to be allocated in partnership with New York State's (New York) New NY Broadband program. The list can be found at: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-343549A1.xlsx.

In January 2015, New York launched the New NY Broadband Program, a public-private initiative created to speed the deployment of broadband in the state through an auction process.¹ Last month, the Commission made available up to \$170.4 million to companies that are selected by the New NY Broadband process to deploy broadband services to high-cost areas that are eligible for Connect America Phase II support.² Winning bidders are eligible for Connect America support up to the total reserve prices of all the Connect America Phase II auction eligible census blocks that are included in a winning bid, provided that New York has committed, at a minimum, the same dollar amount of New York support to the Connect America-eligible areas in that bid.³ The Bureau will closely review the winning bidders to ensure they meet the Commission's eligibility requirements. Once authorized by the Bureau, winning bidders will receive equal monthly payments of Connect America support over a 10-year support term and must offer voice and broadband service meeting the Commission's requirements to the required number of locations in the census blocks for which Connect America Phase II support is provided. Recipients will be subject to the same level of oversight and non-compliance measures as all other Connect America Phase II recipients.⁴

In August 2016, the Bureau released a preliminary list of census blocks that will be eligible for the Connect America Phase II auction based on June 30, 2015 FCC Form 477 data.⁵ Since the list was published, the Commission has released Dec. 31, 2015 FCC Form 477 data.⁶ In the *New York Auction*

¹ See *Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Order, FCC 17-2, at 3, para. 8 (Jan. 26, 2017) (*New York Auction Order*).

² *Id.* at 4-5, para. 11. \$170.4 million is equivalent to the total amount of Connect America Phase II support that Verizon declined in New York.

³ *Id.* at 5, para. 12.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Wireline Competition Bureau Releases Preliminary List and Map of Eligible Census Blocks for the Connect America Phase II Auction*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 8870 (WCB 2016).

⁶ See FCC, *Fixed Broadband Deployment Data from FCC Form 477*, <https://www.fcc.gov/general/broadband-deployment-data-fcc-form-477> (last visited Feb. 3, 2017).

Order, the Commission directed the Bureau to update the list of preliminarily eligible New York census blocks with the Dec. 31, 2015 FCC Form 477 data.⁷ The Bureau accordingly used the Dec. 31, 2015 FCC Form 477 data to produce the list provided by this Public Notice. Any census block that is included on this list and that has not already been awarded support through an earlier phase of New York's program will be eligible to receive Connect America Phase II support in coordination with New York's program.⁸

The list of eligible New York census blocks includes the census block number, the total number of locations that the Connect America Cost Model has determined are in that census block, and the total reserve price for each census block. The total reserve price for each eligible census block is calculated by multiplying the monthly support-per-location calculated by the Connect America Cost Model for all of the locations in that census block by 72 (i.e., six years of monthly support, which is equivalent to the number of months of model-based support that was offered to Verizon).⁹ Although the total reserve price is calculated using the number of months of support offered to Verizon, recipients of support through the New York program will have a 10-year (or 120-month) support term.¹⁰

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⁷ *New York Auction Order* at 15, para. 37.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *See id.* at 17-18, paras. 46-47. Extremely high-cost locations are subject to a uniform support cap.

¹⁰ *Id.*