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MOBILITY FUND PHASE II CHALLENGE PROCESS PORTAL UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2018

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The Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force (Task Force), in conjunction with the Wireline Competition Bureau and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, today provides the seventh update about the Mobility Fund Phase II (MF-II) challenge process. The window to file challenges closed at 12:00 AM EST on November 27, 2018. By the close of the challenge window, challengers submitted data for 20,809,503 speed test results across 37 states and certified challenges to 129,537 square-kilometer grid cells.¹ Dates for the challenge process response window will be announced in a later public notice.

A total of 106 entities had access to the Universal Service Administrator Company (USAC) MF-II Challenge Process Portal at the close of the window. Of these entities, 38 are mobile service providers required to file Form 477 data; 19 are state government entities; 27 are local government entities; 16 are Tribal government entities; and six are other entities that have filed petitions requesting, and have each been granted, a waiver to participate.² A total of 21 entities submitted and certified valid challenges.

For further information concerning the MF-II challenge process, please email mf2challengeprocess@fcc.gov or contact Jonathan McCormack, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0660.

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¹ These grid cells contain 122,980 square kilometers of area presumptively ineligible for MF-II support.

² All government entities (including state, local, and Tribal governments) as well as all mobile service providers required to file Form 477 data are eligible to participate in the MF-II challenge process. *Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund*, Order on Reconsideration and Second Report and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 6282, 6303-04, para. 42 (2017) (*MF-II Challenge Process Order*). Such eligible entities may request access to the USAC MF-II Challenge Process Portal at any time via the MF-II Challenge Portal Access Request form, available at www.fcc.gov/MF2-Challenge-Portal/form. *Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force Announces Availability of Mobility Fund Phase II Challenge Process Portal Access Request Form*, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 1769 (WCB/WTB 2018). Other entities, including individual consumers, organizations, or businesses not otherwise eligible, may participate upon the entity filing and the Commission granting a waiver for good cause shown. See, e.g., *Petition of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation for Waiver to Participate in Mobility Fund II Challenge Process*, Order, DA 18-836 (WTB 2018); see also *Mobility Fund Phase II Challenge Process Handsets and Access Procedures for the Challenge Process Portal*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 10372, 10376, para. 10 (WCB/WTB 2017); *MF-II Challenge Process Order*, 32 FCC Rcd at 6304, para. 43 n.119.