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MOBILITY FUND II CHALLENGE PROCESS PRESENTATION IN WEST VIRGINIA

By this Public Notice, the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force (RBATF) announces an upcoming free presentation on the process for challenging the identification of areas initially deemed ineligible for universal service funding through the Mobility Fund Phase II (MF-II) reverse auction.¹ In 2017, the FCC adopted rules governing the MF-II reverse auction to award up to \$4.53 billion in universal service support for mobile wireless carriers in areas that, absent subsidies, lack adequate mobile voice and broadband coverage.² On February 27, 2018, the FCC released a map showing areas across the United States initially deemed eligible to receive support for the provision of 4G LTE service.³ In order to assist challengers, the FCC has also released a map showing the initially ineligible areas where only one provider has reported qualifying service.

The presentation will focus on the process by which interested parties can challenge the initial map of ineligible areas.⁴

Date: May 18, 2018
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: Advanced Technology Center
1201 Science Park Drive
South Charleston, WV 25303

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For additional information about the presentation, please contact Nathan Eagan at Nathan.Eagan@fcc.gov or (202) 418-0991.

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¹ For more information about MF-II, please see: <https://www.fcc.gov/mobility-fund-phase-ii-mf-ii> (FCC MF-II resource webpage) and <https://www.usac.org/hc/MFII-challenge-process.aspx> (USAC MF-II resource webpage).

² *Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund*, Order on Reconsideration and Second Report and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 6282 (2017); *Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund II*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 32 FCC Rcd 2152 (2017).

³ *Mobility Fund Phase II Initial Eligible Areas Map*, Public Notice, DA 18-187 (WTB/WCB Feb. 27, 2018).

⁴ *Procedures for the Mobility Fund Phase II Challenge Process*, Public Notice, DA 18-186 (WTB/WCB Feb. 27, 2018); see also *Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund*, Order on Reconsideration, (DA 18-427) (WTB/WCB Apr. 30, 2018).