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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU AND OFFICE OF ECONOMICS AND ANALYTICS RELEASE RESULTS FROM SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY INFORMATION COLLECTION

### *Universal Service Fund Support Recipient Networks with Huawei and ZTE Equipment and Services Identified*

#### WC Docket No. 18-89

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) and the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA) release public results from the Supply Chain Security Information Collection, which was conducted in response to the Commission's *2019 Supply Chain Order*.<sup>1</sup>

In the *2019 Supply Chain Order*, the Commission directed WCB and OEA to conduct an information collection to determine whether Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs), or their affiliates and subsidiaries, own equipment or services from Huawei Technologies Company (Huawei) and ZTE Corporation (ZTE), or their respective subsidiaries, parents, or affiliates. The *Order* also directed WCB and OEA to collect information about the nature of the equipment and services, the costs associated with purchasing and/or installing such equipment and services, and the costs associated with removing and replacing such equipment and services.<sup>2</sup>

The *2019 Supply Chain Order* further directed WCB, after receiving and evaluating ETC submissions, to consider making this information public. The Commission directed staff to consider the "potential confidentiality of any information submitted, particularly where public release of such information could raise security concerns . . ." but also directed that "the public interest in knowing whether a carrier uses equipment or services from Huawei or ZTE would significantly outweigh any interest the carrier would have in keeping such information confidential."<sup>3</sup>

Consistent with the *2019 Supply Chain Order*, attached is a list of ETCs that have reported the presence or use of Huawei or ZTE equipment and/or services in their networks, or in the networks of their affiliates or subsidiaries. Based on information WCB and OEA collected through the information

<sup>1</sup> See *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs*, WC Docket No. 18-89, Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order, 34 FCC Rcd 11423, 11481-82, para. 162 (2019) (*2019 Supply Chain Order*). In the *2019 Supply Chain Order*, the Commission initially designated Huawei Technologies Company (Huawei) and ZTE Corporation (ZTE), and their affiliates, subsidiaries, and parents, as covered companies for the purposes of this prohibition. *Id.* at 11442, para. 47; *id.* at 11447, para. 59. On June 30, 2020, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau released final designation orders designating Huawei and ZTE as covered companies for the purposes of the Commission's rules. See generally *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs – Huawei Designation*, PS Docket No. 19-351, Order, DA 20-690 (PSHSB Jun. 30, 2020); *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs – ZTE Designation*, PS Docket No. 19-352, Order, DA 20-691 (PSHSB Jun. 30, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> *2019 Supply Chain Order*, 34 FCC Rcd at 11482, para. 165.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 11482, para. 166.

collection, all filers report it could cost an estimated \$1.837 billion to remove and replace Huawei and ZTE equipment in their networks. Of that total, filers that appear to initially qualify for reimbursement under the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 report it could require approximately \$1.618 billion to remove and replace such equipment.<sup>4</sup> WCB and OEA note that other providers of advanced communications may not have participated in the information collection and yet still be eligible for reimbursement under the terms of that Act. WCB and OEA are continuing to review the cost data submitted in the Supply Chain Security Information Collection as part of our ongoing proceeding, which will support the Commission's efforts to implement the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, including establishing the Secure and Trusted Communications Reimbursement Program.<sup>5</sup>

For additional information, visit the FCC's Supply Chain Data Collection webpage at [www.fcc.gov/supplychain](http://www.fcc.gov/supplychain), or contact Brian Cruikshank at (202) 418-3623 or via email at [Brian.Cruikshank@fcc.gov](mailto:Brian.Cruikshank@fcc.gov).

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<sup>4</sup> For purposes of this estimate, staff did not include the costs associated with educational entities that have not yet shown that they are "providers of advanced communications" nor those providers that appear to have more than 2,000,000 customers. See Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 § 4(b) (codified at 47 U.S.C. § 1603(b)).

<sup>5</sup> Pub. L. No. 116-124, 133 Stat. 158 (2020) (codified as amended at 47 U.S.C. §§ 1601–1609). See *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs*, WC Docket No. 18-89, Declaratory Ruling and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 20-99, paras. 54-55 (July 16, 2020).

**Attachment****Eligible Telecommunications Carriers with Existing Huawei and ZTE Equipment and Services**Holding Company Name

Adak Eagle Enterprises, LLC	Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Albion Telephone Company, Inc.	LICT Corporation
América Móvil	Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company
American Broadband Communications et al.	Metronet Holdings, LLC
American Samoa Telecom, LLC	Natural G.C. Inc.
ATN International, Inc.	NE Colorado Cellular, Inc.
Baraga Telephone Company Inc.	Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership	NewPhone Wireless, LLC
Buffalo Lake Erie Wireless Systems Co. LLC	North American Local, LLC
CenturyLink, Inc.	Oklahoma Western Telephone Company
Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation	Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Cincinnati Bell Inc.	Pine Belt Communications Co. Inc.
Cintex Wireless, LLC	Pine Telephone Company
Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative	Roome Telecommunications Inc.
Crystal Automation Systems, Inc.	Santel Communications Cooperative
DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	SI Wireless, LLC
ENMR Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	TC Telephone, LLC
Futurum Communications Corp.	Texas 10, LLC
Gallatin Wireless Internet, LLC	Triangle Telephone Cooperative Assn., Inc.
Hargray Communications Group, Inc.	Union Holding Corp.
Heartland Innovations, Inc./Ligonier Telephone Co., Inc.	United Telephone Association, Inc.
Hilliary Communications, LLC	Verizon Communications Inc.
IdeaTek Systems, Inc.	Western Elite Incorporated Services
JAB Wireless, Inc.	Windstream Holdings, Inc.
James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company	
Laurel Highland Total Communications, Inc.	