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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*.¹

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.²

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."³

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

¹ 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).

² *2019 Supply Chain Order*, 34 FCC Rcd at 11482, para. 165.

³ *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.⁴ 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.⁵

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

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⁴ 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)).

⁵ 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	Laurel Highland Total Communications, Inc.
Albion Telephone Company, Inc.	Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
América Móvil	LICT Corporation
American Broadband Communications et al.	Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company
AST Telecom, LLC d/b/a Blue Sky	Mercury Network Corporation
Communications	Metronet Holdings, LLC
ATN International, Inc.	Natural G.C. Inc.
Baraga Telephone Company Inc.	NE Colorado Cellular, Inc.
Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership	Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Buffalo Lake Erie Wireless Systems Co. LLC	NewPhone Wireless, LLC
CenturyLink, Inc.	North American Local, LLC
Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation	Oklahoma Western Telephone Company
Cincinnati Bell Inc.	Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Cintex Wireless, LLC	Pine Belt Communications Co. Inc.
Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative	Pine Telephone Company
Crystal Automation Systems, Inc.	Roome Telecommunications Inc.
DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Santel Communications Cooperative
ENMR Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	SI Wireless, LLC
Futurum Communications Corp.	TC Telephone, LLC
Gallatin Wireless Internet, LLC	Texas 10, LLC
Hargray Communications Group, Inc.	Triangle Telephone Cooperative Assn., Inc.
Hiawatha Communications, Inc.	Union Holding Corp.
Hilliary Communications, LLC	United Telephone Association, Inc.
IdeaTek Systems, Inc.	Verizon Communications Inc.
JAB Wireless, Inc.	Western Elite Incorporated Services
James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company	Windstream Holdings, Inc.