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**wireless telecommunications bureau approves GCI’S revised performance plan pursuant to the alaska plan ORDER**

**WC Docket No. 16-271**

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) approves GCI Communication Corp.’s (GCI) revised performance plan, filed pursuant to the terms set forth in the *Alaska Plan Order*.[[1]](#footnote-3) The approved performance plan is included in the attached Appendix.

 The *Alaska Plan Order* requires eligible wireless service providers participating in the Alaska Plan to submit for Bureau approval individual performance plans with their service commitments.[[2]](#footnote-4) The Bureau approved wireless service providers’ initial performance plans in 2016.[[3]](#footnote-5) Participants that in their initial plans did not commit to providing 10/1 Mbps LTE for any portion of the population in their service area (because they relied on performance-limiting satellite backhaul to serve that area) must revise their performance commitments when new terrestrial backhaul or new-generation satellite backhaul becomes commercially available in that area.[[4]](#footnote-6)

GCI submitted an updated performance plan pursuant to this requirement to reflect that new microwave backhaul is commercially available to Nuiqsut, Alaska.[[5]](#footnote-7) GCI’s new commitments reflect that it will upgrade the service made available to the population of Nuiqsut from 2G to 4G LTE technology using the new microwave backhaul.[[6]](#footnote-8) We approve GCI’s revised performance plan.

*Additional Information*. For additional information on this proceeding, contact Matthew Warner of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division, Matthew.Warner@fcc.gov, (202) 418-2419.

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1. *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 16-271 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 10139 (2016) (*Alaska Plan Order*); Letter from Julie A. Veach, Counsel to GCI Communication Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-271, Attach. (filed July 1, 2020) (GCI 2020 Commitments). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. See *Alaska Plan Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 10166-67, para. 85. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves Performance Plans of the Eight Wireless Providers That Elected to Participate in the Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 271, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 13317, Appx. (WTB 2016) (approving GCI’s and seven other providers’ plans); *see also* Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves ASTAC’s and GCI’s Revised Performance Plans Pursuant to the Alaska Plan Order, WC Docket No. 16-271, Public Notice, 34 FCC Rcd 12183, Appx. (WTB 2019) (approving GCI’s and ASTAC’s revised plans). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. *Alaska Plan Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 10172, para. 102. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. Letter from Julie A. Veach, Counsel to GCI Communication Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-271, at 1 (filed July 1, 2020) (GCI July 1, 2020 *Ex Parte*). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
6. GCI 2020 Commitments. GCI’s performance plan reflects that it will upgrade 402 people—the Nuiqsut population according to 2010 U.S. Census Bureau Data. GCI July 1, 2020 *Ex Parte*; GCI 2020 Commitments. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)