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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 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 The Bureau approved wireless service providers' initial performance plans in 2016.³ 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

GCI submitted an updated performance plan pursuant to this requirement to reflect that new microwave backhaul is commercially available to Nuiqsut, Alaska.⁵ GCI's new commitments reflect that it will upgrade the service made available to the population of Nuiqsut

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).

² See *Alaska Plan Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 10166-67, para. 85.

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).

⁴ *Alaska Plan Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 10172, para. 102.

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*).

from 2G to 4G LTE technology using the new microwave backhaul.⁶ 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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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.

Appendix

GCI Alaska Plan Performance Commitments - Updated July 1, 2020

| Technology Of Transmission (477 Code) | Population Served 12/31/15 | % Base Population Served 12/31/15 | 5 Year Base Population Served | 5 Year % Total Population Served | 10 Year Total Base Population Served | 10 Year % Population Served | Increase/ (Decrease) by Year 10 | 10 Year Total Population Served - Revised 7/1/20 | 10 Year % Population Served - Revised 7/1/20 | Minimum Expected Download/ Upload Speeds at Edge | Spectrum Codes (477 Code) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middle Mile | 83 (LTE) | 21% | 32,079 | 50% | 69,601 | 100% | - | 69,601 | 100% | 10/1 Mbps | 90, 91, 93, 94 |
| | 80, 81, 82 (3G) | 68% | 25,258 | 39% | - | 0% | - | - | 0% | 2/05 Mbps | 90, 91, 93, 94 |
| Fiber | 85, 86 (Voice/2G) | 11% | 6,821 | 11% | - | 0% | - | - | 0% | <2 Mbps | 90, 91, 93, 94 |
| Fiber Total | 64,158 | 100% | 64,158 | 100% | 69,601 | 100% | 69,601 | 100% | | | |
| Microwave | 83 (LTE) | 0% | 125 | 0% | 42,095 | 83% | 402 | 42,497 | 83% | 2/8 Mbps | 90, 91, 93, 94 |
| | 80, 81, 82 (3G) | 59% | 29,764 | 41,970 | 83% | 17% | - | 8,622 | 17% | 2/05 Mbps | 90, 91, 93, 94 |
| 85, 86 (Voice/2G) | 41% | 20,828 | 8,622 | 17% | - | 0% | - | - | 0% | <2 Mbps | 90, 91, 93, 94 |
| Microwave Total | 50,717 | 100% | 50,717 | 100% | 50,717 | 100% | 51,119 | 100% | | | |
| Satellite | 83 (LTE) | 0% | - | 12,363 | 50% | 43% | - | 8,150 | 44% | 1/256 Mbps | 90, 91, 93, 94 |
| | 80, 81, 82 (3G) | 0% | - | - | 0% | 0% | - | - | 0% | 2/05 Mbps | 90, 91, 93, 94 |
| 85, 86 (Voice/2G) | 100% | 24,482 | 12,119 | 50% | 10,889 | 57% | (402) | 10,487 | 56% | <2 Mbps | 90, 91, 93, 94 |
| Satellite Total | 24,482 | 100% | 24,482 | 100% | 19,039 | 100% | 18,637 | 100% | | | |
| Total | 83 (LTE) | 10% | 13,580 | 32% | 119,846 | 86% | 402 | 120,248 | 86% | | |
| Total | 80, 81, 82 (3G) | 53% | 73,646 | 48% | 67,228 | 6% | 8,622 | 8,622 | 6% | | |
| Total | 85, 86 (Voice/2G) | 37% | 52,131 | 20% | 27,562 | 8% | (402) | 10,487 | 8% | | |
| Grand Total | 139,357 | 100% | 139,357 | 100% | 139,357 | 100% | 139,357 | 100% | | | |

Note 1: Population per 2010 Census in service area. Excludes population served by AT&T and/or Verizon at 4G LTE using their infrastructure.
 Note 2: Percentage of population served at benchmark speeds as of 12/31/15.
 Note 3: Year 1 is 2017.
 Note 4: 10 Year figures reflect commitments as revised on July 1, 2019.