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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU PROVIDES FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION A DRAFT COPY OF APPLICATION FORM 5634 FOR THE UNIENDO A PUERTO RICO FUND AND THE CONNECT USVI FUND

### WC Docket Nos. 18-143, 10-90

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) makes available for public inspection a draft copy of Form 5634 and the form's instructions for the Stage 2 competitive proposal process of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and the Connect USVI Fund. In the *PR-USVI Stage 2 Order*,<sup>1</sup> the Commission allocated budgets of \$504.7 million in Stage 2 fixed support to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and \$186.5 million in Stage 2 fixed support to the U.S. Virgin Islands over a 10-year period. The Stage 2 competitive proposal process will award support based on the weighting of three criteria: (1) price per location; (2) network performance, including speed, latency, and usage allowance; and (3) network resilience and redundancy. An applicant must timely and properly file a Form 5634 to be considered a participant in the Stage 2 competitive process for support in the Territories. An application to participate in the Stage 2 competitive process will provide information used to determine whether the applicant has the legal, technical, and financial qualifications to participate in a Commission competition for universal service support.<sup>2</sup>

At this time, the Bureau is seeking Paperwork Reduction Act approval for Form 5634 and the form's instructions from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).<sup>3</sup> To assist potential commenters, and for information purposes only, the Bureau makes available a draft copy of Form 5634 and instructions. The application form and instructions are subject to revision pending OMB comment and approval. Any comments should be submitted as directed by the Federal Register Notice.<sup>4</sup> The draft Form 5634 and instructions are provided with this Public Notice.

Please also note that the application window for the Stage 2 competitive process is not open at this time and carriers should not complete and submit Form 5634 until such time announced by the Bureau in a subsequent public notice.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and the Connect USVI Fund*, Order, WC Dockets Nos. 18-143 et al., 34 FCC Rcd 9109 (Sept. 30, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> 47 CFR §§ 1.21001, 54.1501-1515.

<sup>3</sup> Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communication Commission, 85 Fed. Reg. 14199 (Mar. 11, 2020).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*