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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES RATE-OF-RETURN CARRIERS ELECTING INCENTIVE REGULATION FOR THEIR BUSINESS DATA SERVICES

WC Docket No. 17-144

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces that the 99 rate-of-return carriers serving 139 study areas in 32 states and one territory identified in the accompanying Appendix elected to move their lower speed business data services (BDS) Time Division Multiplexed (TDM) transport and end user channel termination services to incentive regulation effective July 1, 2020, as permitted by the *Rate-of-Return BDS Order*.¹

In the *Rate-of-Return BDS Order*, the Commission adopted a path for rate-of-return carriers that receive model-based or other forms of fixed high cost universal service support to voluntarily elect to transition their lower speed BDS offerings to incentive regulation effective either July 1, 2019 or July 1, 2020.² As a result of both years' elections, a total of 136 rate-of-return carriers serving 227 study areas in 40 states and one territory have now moved their lower speed BDS offerings to incentive regulation.³ The Commission found that allowing and encouraging carriers "to move from inefficient, burdensome cost-based regulation to incentive regulation . . . promotes efficiency, reduces regulatory burdens, and encourages competition."⁴

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¹ *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 17-144 et al., Report and Order, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 33 FCC Rcd 10403 (2018) (*Rate-of-Return BDS Order*).

² *See id.* at 10445, para. 119.

³ The Bureau previously identified the rate-of-return carriers that elected incentive regulation for their BDS effective July 1, 2019. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Rate-of-Return Carriers Electing Incentive Regulation for Their Business Data Services*, WC Docket No. 17-144, Public Notice, 34 FCC Rcd 4846 (2019).

⁴ *Rate-of-Return BDS Order*, 33 FCC Rcd at 10404, para. 1.

APPENDIX

**Rate-of-Return Carriers Electing Incentive Regulation for Lower Speed BDS
TDM Transport and End User Channel Termination Services**

Rate of Return Carrier	Study Area Name	State	Study Area Code No.
Ace Telephone Association	Ace Telephone Association	IA	351346
Agate Mutual Telephone Cooperative Association	Agate Mutual Telephone Cooperative Association	CO	462178
Alhambra-Grantfork Communications, Inc.	Alhambra-Grantfork Telephone Company	IL	340978
All West Communications, Inc.	All West Communications, Inc.	UT	502288
All West Communications, Inc.	All West Communications, Inc.	WY	512290
Allband Communications Cooperative	Allband Communications Cooperative	MI	310542
Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.	Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. - IA	IA	351405
Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.	Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. - MN	MN	361405
Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.	Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. - SD	SD	391405
Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.	Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. - Baltic	SD	391642
Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.	Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. - Splitrock	SD	391657
American Samoa Telecommunications Authority	American Samoa Telecommunications Authority	AS	673900
BEK Communications Cooperative	Absaraka Coop. Tel. Co.	ND	381601
BEK Communications Cooperative	BEK Communications Cooperative	ND	381604
Bernard Telephone Company, Inc.	Bernard Telephone Company, Inc.	IA	351110
Bloomer Telephone Company	Bloomer Telephone Company	WI	330850
Blue Earth Valley Communications, Inc.	Hager TeleCom, Inc.	WI	330889
Blue Earth Valley Communications, Inc.	Indianhead Telephone Company	WI	330936
Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Brazos Tel Coop Inc	TX	442041
Brooklyn Mutual Telecommunications Cooperative	Brooklyn Mutual Telephone Company	IA	351113
Bruce Telephone Company, Inc.	Bruce Telephone Company, Inc.	WI	330855
Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company	Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company, Inc.	IA	351115
Cambridge Telephone Company, Inc.	Cambridge Tel Co	ID	472215
Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation	Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation	MO	421864

Rate of Return Carrier	Study Area Name	State	Study Area Code No.
Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative	Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative	IA	351129
Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri	Citizens Telephone Company	MO	421865
Citizens Telephone Cooperative (VA)	Citizens Telephone Cooperative	VA	190225
Clarence Telephone Company, Inc.	Clarence Telephone Company, Inc.	IA	351130
Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	TX	442057
Communications 1 Network, Inc.	Communications 1 Network, Inc.	IA	351262
Cooperative Telephone Company	Cooperative Telephone Company	IA	351139
Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative Inc.	Craw-Kan Telephone Coop., Inc.	MO	421759
Delhi Telephone Company	Delhi Telephone Company	NY	150088
Direct Communications Rockland, Inc.	Rico Telephone Company	CO	462201
Dobson Technologies, Inc.	Dobson Tel Co.	OK	431988
Dobson Technologies, Inc.	McCloud Tel Co.	OK	432006
Ellington Telephone Company	Ellington Telephone Company	MO	421874
F&B Communications, Inc.	F&B Communications, Inc.	IA	351160
Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company-Moulton	Farmers Mutual Coop. Telephone Company	IA	351169
Farmers Telephone Company, Inc.	Farmers Telephone Company, Inc.	CO	462188
Fidelity Communications Company	Fidelity Telephone LLC	MO	421882
Garden Valley Telephone Company	Garden Valley Telephone Company d/b/a Garden Valley Technologies	MN	361395
Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association	Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association	MN	361396
GCI Communication Corp.	United Utilities Inc	AK	613023
GCI Communication Corp.	Yukon Telephone Company, Inc.	AK	613025
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. - Armour	SD	391640
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	SD	391659
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. - Kadoka	SD	391667

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Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. - Sioux Valley	SD	391677
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. - Union	SD	391684
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. - Vivian	SD	391686
Grafton Communications, Inc.	Grafton Telephone Company	IL	341020
Green Hills Telephone Corporation	Green Hills Telephone Corporation	MO	421890
Hardy Telecommunications, Inc.	Hardy Telecommunications, Inc.	WV	200259
Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative	Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative	IA	351297
Hiawatha Communications, Inc.	Midway Telephone Company	MI	310711
Hiawatha Communications, Inc.	Hiawatha Telephone Company	MI	310713
Hiawatha Communications, Inc.	Ontonagon County Telephone Company	MI	310717
Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (KY & TN)	Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	TN	290565
Hillsboro Telephone Company, Inc.	Hillsboro Telephone Company, Inc.	WI	330892
Home Telephone Company, Inc.	Home Telecom	SC	240527
Hot Springs Telephone Company	Hot Springs Telephone Company	MT	482241
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	MN	361654
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	SD	391654
LaHarpe Telephone Company, Inc. (KS)	La Harpe Tel Co Inc.	KS	411791
Lismore Cooperative Telephone Company	Lismore Cooperative Telephone Company	MN	361419
Lonsdale Telephone Company	Lonsdale Telephone Company	MN	361422
Lumos Networks Corp.	Lumos Tel.	VA	190226
Lumos Networks Corp.	Lumos Tel. Botetourt	VA	190249
Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company	Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company	IA	351237
Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company	Walnut Telephone Company	IA	351326
Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc.	Matanuska Tel Assoc.	AK	613015
McNabb Communications, Inc.	McNabb Telephone Company	IL	341048

Rate of Return Carrier	Study Area Name	State	Study Area Code No.
Midstate Communications, Inc. (SD)	Midstate Communications, Inc.	SD	391670
Miles Cooperative Telephone Association	Miles Coop. Tel. Assoc.	IA	351242
Monroe Telephone Company	Monroe Telephone Company	OR	532385
Mountain West Technologies Corporation	Chugwater Tel. Co.	WY	512289
Mutual Telephone Company	Heartland-Premier	IA	351096
Mutual Telephone Company	Hospers Telephone Exchange, Inc. d/b/a Premier Communications	IA	351202
Mutual Telephone Company	Mutual Telephone Company	IA	351252
Mutual Telephone Company	Northern Iowa Telephone Company	IA	351259
Mutual Telephone Company	Webb-Dickens Telephone Corporation	IA	351327
Nedelco, Incorporated	Hamilton Telephone Company	NE	371555
Nemont Tel. Coop.	Nemont Tel. Coop - ND	ND	382247
Nemont Tel. Coop.	Nemont Tel. Coop-MT	MT	482247
Nemont Tel. Coop.	Project Tel. Co.	MT	482250
North-State Telephone Co. (NC)	North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State Communications	NC	230491
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	NE	371576
Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company	Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company	CO	462193
Otelco Inc.	Shoreham Tel.	VT	140064
Partner Communications Cooperative	Partner Communications Cooperative	IA	351187
Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative	Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative	MN	361451
Phillips County Telephone Company	Phillips County Telephone Company	CO	462197
Pioneer Telephone Cooperative (OR)	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative d/b/a Pioneer Connect	OR	532393
Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Poka-Lambro Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	TX	442131
Red River Rural Telephone Association	Red River Rural Telephone Association d/b/a Red River Communications	ND	381631
Remote Control, Inc.	Summit Telephone and Telegraph Company of Alaska	AK	613028
Roggen Telephone Cooperative Company	Roggen Telephone Cooperative Company	CO	462202
Rural Telephone Service/Golden Belt	Rural Tel- Nex – Tech	KS	411826

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Saddleback Communications Inc.	Saddleback Communications	AZ	457991
Salina Spavinaw Telephone Co., Inc.	Salina-Spavinaw Tel. Co.	OK	432022
Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	OK	432141
Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	TX	442141
Silver Star Tel. Co.	Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Silver Star Communications	ID	472295
Silver Star Tel. Co.	Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.	WY	512295
Sodtown Telephone Company	Sodtown Telephone Company	NE	371590
Southwest Oklahoma Telephone Company	Southwest Oklahoma Telephone Company	OK	432025
Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc.	Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc.	MO	421949
STEL-CO	Le-Ru Telephone Company	MO	421908
Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Taylor Tel Co-op Inc.	TX	442151
TELAPEX, Inc.	Franklin Telephone Company, Inc.	MS	280454
The Moundridge Telephone Company	Moundridge Tel Co.	KS	411808
The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company	The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company	PA	170191
The Peetz Cooperative Telephone Company	Peetz Cooperative Telephone Company	CO	462196
Totalcom Communications, LLC	Oklatel Communications, Inc.	OK	432013
Totalcom Communications, LLC	North Texas Telephone Company	TX	442043
Totalcom Communications, LLC	Totalcom Communications, LLC	TX	442060
Townes Telecommunications	Pymatuning Independent Tel. Co.	PA	170200
Townes Telecommunications	Northeast Florida Telephone Company, Inc.	FL	210335
Townes Telecommunications	Walnut Hill Telephone Company	AR	401729
Townes Telecommunications	MoKan Dial, Inc.	KS	411807
Townes Telecommunications	MoKan Dial, Inc.	MO	421807
Townes Telecommunications	Choctaw Telephone Company	MO	421893
Townes Telecommunications	Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company	MO	421935
Townes Telecommunications	Haxtun Telephone Company	CO	462190
Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc.	Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc.	WI	330960
TrioTel Communications, Inc.	Triotel Communications, Inc. - McCook	SD	391669

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TrioTel Communications, Inc.	Triotel Communications, Inc. - Tri-County	SD	391682
Twin Valley Management, Inc.	Twin Valley Telephone Co.	KS	411840
UBTA-UBET Communications	UBTA-UBET/STRATA	UT	502287
Vernon Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Vernon Communications Cooperative	WI	330966
VNC Enterprises, LLC	Nova Telephone Company	OH	300644
Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association	Webster-Calhoun Coop. Tel. Assn.	IA	351328
West Iowa Telephone Company	West Iowa Telephone Company d/b/a WesTel Systems	IA	351331
West Iowa Telephone Company	Hooper Tel. Co.	NE	371563
Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association	Winnebago Coop-IA	IA	351337
Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association	Winnebago Coop -IA2	IA	351338
Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association	Winnebago Coop -MN	MN	361337
Wittenberg Telephone Company	Wittenberg Telephone Company	WI	330973