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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU EXTENDS COMMENT DEADLINE FOR ALASKA CONNECT FUND ELIGIBLE-AREAS MAP v.1.2

WC Docket No. 23-328

Revised Comment Date: June 1, 2026

As part of the *Alaska Connect Fund Order*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) in coordination with the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA) must publish an Eligible-Areas Map showing which areas are eligible and ineligible for Alaska Connect Fund mobile support, and of those that are eligible, which are in duplicate-support areas, single-support areas, or other eligible areas.¹ On May 1, 2026, WTB, in coordination with OEA, sought comment on version 1.2 of the Eligible-Areas Map.² All comments were due by May 22, 2026.³ By this Public Notice, we announce an extension of the comment deadline until June 1, 2026.

On May 21, 2026, GCI Communications Corp. (GCI) indicated it needed more time to evaluate its areas of the Eligible-Areas Map. It filed a motion for a two week extension of the deadline to file comments to the Eligible-Areas Map Version 1.2, stating that an extension “would allow for additional time to resolve outstanding questions with respect to eligibility designations.”⁴

While it is the general policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted,⁵ under the circumstances presented, we conclude that a limited extension of the comment deadline is warranted in light of recent questions from GCI that could impact GCI’s comments to the Eligible-Areas Map. We believe, however, that an additional ten days should provide sufficient time for GCI and other parties to resolve any outstanding questions related to their comments on the Eligible-Areas Map. Providers may submit new information with their

¹ *Connect America Fund; Alaska Connect Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 23-328, 16-271, 14-58, 09-197, WT Docket No. 10-208, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 39 FCC Rcd 12099 (2024) (*Alaska Connect Fund Order*); 47 CFR § 54.318(c)(2).

² *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Eligible-Areas Map Version 1.2*, WC Docket No. 23-328, Public Notice, DA 26-426 (rel. May 1, 2026) (*EA Map v1.2 Notice*).

³ *EA Map v1.2 Notice*.

⁴ GCI Communications Corp. Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments on Eligible-Areas Map Version 1.2, WC Docket No. 23-328 (filed May 21, 2026).

⁵ 47 CFR § 1.46(a).

comments and are encouraged to submit corrections to the Eligible-Areas Map via the corrections template.⁶ Accordingly, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,⁷ and Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules,⁸ we extend the deadline for filing comments until June 1, 2026.

For further information regarding the Alaska Connect Fund, contact ACF@fcc.gov.

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⁶ See Alaska Connect Fund, EA Map Corrections Template, <https://www.fcc.gov/wireline-competition/alaska-connect-fund#mobile-eligible-areas-map>.

⁷ 47 U.S.C. § 154(i).

⁸ 47 CFR § 1.46.