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## NEW DOCKET FOR THE RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND

### WC Docket No. 19-126

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau, in coordination with the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force and the Office of Economics and Analytics, opens WC Docket No. 19-126, captioned “Rural Digital Opportunity Fund.” On April 12, 2019, Chairman Pai announced his intention to create a Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, which would make available up to \$20.4 billion in support via a reverse auction to connect around four million rural homes and small businesses to high-speed broadband networks.<sup>1</sup> All filings related to the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund should be submitted in WC Docket No. 19-126.

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<sup>1</sup> Remarks of FCC Chairman Ajit Pai at the White House, Washington, DC, Apr. 12, 2019, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-356994A1.pdf>; Fact Sheet, FCC, FCC Chairman Pai Announces Major Initiatives to Promote U.S. Leadership on 5G and Connect Rural Americans to High-Speed Internet at White House Event (Apr. 12, 2019), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-356995A1.pdf>.