

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Connect America Fund

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Midcontinent Communications (“Midcontinent”), by its attorneys and pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §1.415, hereby submits these Comments in response to the Wireline Competition Bureau’s Public Notice (“**Notice**”) in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ The Commission is soliciting comments in this matter for the purpose of updating and correcting the National Broadband Map (“**NBM**”) in connection with potential future rounds of Connect America Phase I incremental support.

Midcontinent is a cable television company operating in portions of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. In addition to cable television service, Midcontinent also provides telephone and fixed high-speed broadband internet service to its subscribers. To assist the Commission in its ongoing efforts to facilitate the availability of broadband service to all consumers, Midcontinent has undertaken a thorough review of the data provided in the Notice, and is providing the Commission with specific actionable information to be used in updating the NBM.

The Commission’s Notice provided a list of census blocks believed to be completely or partially unserved by fixed terrestrial broadband with advertised speeds of 3 Mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream. The FCC also provided a link to the current NBM. After analyzing and

¹ *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Common on Areas Shown as Unserved on the National Broadband Map for Connection America Phase I Incremental Support*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 12-1691 (Wireline Comp. Bur. Dec. 5, 2012). The Bureau extended the deadline for submitting comments until January 9, 2013 in a subsequent Public Notice. See Public Notice, DA 12-2001 (Wireline Comp. Bur. Dec. 10, 2012).

mapping the data made available by the Commission, Midcontinent has identified a number of census blocks in which it provides service, and for which current service availability status is categorized incorrectly on the NBM.

The following chart identifies the specific census blocks to which Midcontinent provides broadband service at speeds exceeding the Commission’s standards, and for which updates to the NBM are needed:

Census Block (fips)	Midcontinent Corrections
270251101003000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
270270301042000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
270591303012000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
270591305013000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
271630702061000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
380150110011000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
380150110013000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
380150111031000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
380150111041000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
380150112002000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
380150112004000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
380170102012000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
380719578002000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
381039598001000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
381059537002000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
381059541003000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
460379527001000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
460830101072000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
460830103003000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
461030113001000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
461030113002000	Midcontinent serves the entire census block.
270090201004000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
270219400022000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
270951704003000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
271159508002000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
271190201001000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
271190206003000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
271370153005000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
271574902003000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
380019656003000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
380150106003000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
380150110021000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
380150112003000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.

Census Block (fips)	Midcontinent Corrections
380150113002000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
380170405001000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
380319596001000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
380319596003000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
380699561002000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
380719578003000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
380779711002000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
381010102001000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
381010109003000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
460379528002000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
460599757001000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
460819661004000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
460830101045000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
460830101071000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
460830101081000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
460830103001000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
460830103002000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
460990104011000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
460990104041000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
461030110041000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.
461030114001000	Midcontinent serves a portion of the census block.

Midcontinent understands the importance of providing and improving broadband access throughout the country, and appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the current broadband service availability data. Based on its detailed analysis of the information provided, Midcontinent requests that the Commission update its records and the NBM to reflect the corrections specified above.

Respectfully submitted,

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