



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a part of its open, transparent and deliberative process to implement Connect America Fund Phase II (Phase II),¹ the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) presented a webinar about the Phase II challenge process to state public utility commissions on September 25, 2013.² With this letter, we submit the associated staff presentation into the record. The presentation is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/price-cap-resources>.

The presentation, titled “Connect America Fund Phase II Challenge Process,” describes the process by which parties can challenge whether an area is served by an unsubsidized competitor for purposes of determining eligible areas for Phase II funding.³

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹ Connect America Fund Phase II will provide ongoing support to areas served by price cap carriers, including areas currently lacking broadband-capable infrastructure, using “a combination of a forward-looking broadband cost model and competitive bidding.” *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663, 17673-74, paras. 23-25 (2011), *pets. for review pending sub nom. In re: FCC 11-161*, No. 11-9900 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 8, 2011).

² The webinar is third in a series of three webinars about Phase II that Bureau staff presented to state public utility commissions. The associated staff presentations for the first two webinars—“Connect America Phase II: Update on Implementation” and “Connect America Cost Model Overview”—were submitted into the record earlier this month. See Letter from Michael J. Jacobs, Legal Advisor to the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Sept. 17, 2013).

³ See *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 7211 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013) (adopting the framework for the Phase II challenge process).