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For the purposes of E-Rate and determining the status of an entity as Urban or Rural the 7th Report and Order states that the US Census of 2010 will be used. The US Census site given below defines Urban as follows:

The Census Bureau identifies two types of urban areas:

- 1) Urbanized Areas (UAs) of 50,000 or more people;
- 2) Urban Clusters (UCs) of at least 2,500 and less than 50,000 people.

<http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/ua/uafaq.html>

The second type would classify remote, low density populated areas of all states as "Urban" with the minimum population is set at 2,500. This would drastically change the discount for E-Rate services for all "rural" entities in the US!

It is my opinion that "Urbanized Areas" be used and that "Urban Clusters" not be used to determine if an entity is Urban or Rural for the E-Rate discount calculation. If this comment is taken into consideration, all "rural" schools and libraries will be able to fulfill their commitment to their students for full, robust connectivity to global resources which would not be possible without E-Rate support.