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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES RATE-OF-RETURN CARRIERS ELECTING INCENTIVE REGULATION FOR THEIR BUSINESS DATA SERVICES

### WC Docket No. 17-144

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces that 37 rate-of-return carriers serving 88 study areas in 29 states notified the Bureau of their intention to elect incentive regulation beginning July 1, 2019, for their lower speed business data services (BDS) Time Division Multiplexed (TDM) transport and end user channel termination services pursuant to the *Rate-of-Return BDS Order*.<sup>1</sup> The electing carriers and related study areas are identified in the accompanying Appendix.

In the *Rate-of-Return BDS Order*, the Commission adopted a path for rate-of-return carriers that receive model-based or other forms of fixed high cost universal service support to voluntarily elect to transition their BDS offerings to incentive regulation. The Commission required electing carriers currently in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) pool to notify NECA by March 1, 2019, of their intention to exit the NECA traffic-sensitive pool for their BDS offerings, and to notify the Bureau of their election by May 1, 2019, to be effective July 1, 2019.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 17-144 et al., Report and Order, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 33 FCC Rcd 10403 (2018) (*Rate-of-Return BDS Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *See id.* at 10445, para. 119. Rate-of-return carriers that receive model-based or other forms of fixed high cost universal service support also have the option of moving their BDS offerings to incentive regulation effective July 1, 2020 by notifying NECA of their intent to do so by March 1, 2020, and the Bureau of their election by May 1, 2020.

## APPENDIX

**Carriers Electing Incentive Regulation for Lower Speed BDS  
TDM Transport and End User Channel Termination Services**

<b>Rate of Return Carrier</b>	<b>Study Area Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Study Area Code No.</b>
Accipiter Communications Inc. dba Zona Communications	Accipiter Communications Inc.	AZ	452191
Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Fremont Telecom Co.	Fremont Telecom Co.	ID	472222
Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Fremont Telecom Co.	Fremont Telecom Co.	ID	473333
Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Fremont Telecom Co.	Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	MT	482235
Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Fremont Telecom Co.	Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	MT	483308
Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company	Blue Earth Valley Telephone Co.	MN	361358
Campti-Pleasant Hill Telephone Co., Inc	Campti-Pleasant Hill	LA	270426
Cannon Valley Telecom	Cannon Vly Telecom	MN	361440
Cass Telephone Company	Cass Telephone Co.	IL	340984
Clarity Telecom	Clarity Telecom, LLC dba Vast Broadband	SD	391652
ComSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	ComSouth Telecomm	GA	220369
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of Maine - Community Service	ME	100015
Consolidated Communications Inc	Berkshire Telephone Company NY	NY	150073
Consolidated Communications Inc	Chautauqua & Erie Tel. Corp.	NY	150078
Consolidated Communications Inc	Taconic Telephone Corp.	NY	150084
Consolidated Communications Inc	The Bentleyville Telephone Company	PA	170145
Consolidated Communications Inc	Marianna-Scenery Hill Tel. Co.	PA	170185
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of FL – Florida	FL	210291
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of FL – Perry	FL	210329
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of FL – St Joe	FL	210339
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of OH – Columbus Grove	OH	300604
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of OH – Germantown	OH	300618
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of OH – Orwell	OH	300649
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of Central IL – El Paso	IL	341004

<b>Rate of Return Carrier</b>	<b>Study Area Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Study Area Code No.</b>
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of Central IL – C-R	IL	341009
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of Central IL – Odin	IL	341065
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of MN – Mid Comm	MN	361375
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of MN – Mankato	MN	361427
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of KAS – Sunflower/Bluestem	KS	411835
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of Missouri	MO	421472
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of Oklahoma	OK	431981
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of KS-CO	CO	461835
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of CO – Big Sandy	CO	462192
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of CO – Columbine	CO	462204
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of WA – Ellensburg	WA	522412
Consolidated Communications Inc	Consolidated Communications of WA – YCOM	WA	522453
Consolidated Companies, Inc (Neb)	Consolidated Telco, Inc.	NE	371530
Consolidated Companies, Inc (Neb)	Consolidated Telephone Company, Inc.	NE	371532
Consolidated Companies, Inc (Neb)	Curtis Telephone Company	NE	371536
Consolidated Companies, Inc (Neb)	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	NE	371562
Cross Tel. Co.	Cross Telephone Co.	OK	431985
Don Miller (Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association, Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company)	Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company	IA	351105
Don Miller (Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association, Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company)	Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association	IA	351261
East Buchanan Telephone Coop	East Buchanan Cooperative	IA	351156
Easton Telephone Co.	Easton Telephone Co.	MN	361384
Eckles Telephone Co.	Eckles Telephone Co.	MN	361386
Fail Telecommunications Corporation	Chickamauga Telephone Corporation	GA	220354
Fail Telecommunications Corporation	Bruce Telephone Company, Inc.	MS	280447
Fail Telecommunications Corporation	Fulton Telephone Company, Inc.	MS	280455
Fail Telecommunications Corporation	Mound Bayou Telephone & Communications, Inc.	MS	280462
Geneseo Telephone Company	Geneseo Telephone Co.	IL	341016

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Granada Telephone Company	Granada Telephone Co.	MN	361399
Hanson Communications	The Middle Point Home Telephone Company	OH	300633
Hanson Communications	Telephone Service Company	OH	300659
Hanson Communications	Clara City Telephone Exchange	MN	361370
Hanson Communications	Sacred Heart Telephone Company	MN	361476
Hanson Communications	Starbuck Telephone Company	MN	361487
Hanson Communications	Zumbrota Telephone Company	MN	361515
Hanson Communications	Fort Randall Telephone Company	SD	391660
Hanson Communications	Mt Rushmore Telephone Company	SD	391660
Henry County Telephone Company	Henry County Telephone Co.	IL	341029
Inter-Community Telephone	Inter-Community Telephone	ND	381616
Magna5 RTC LLC d/b/a Richmond Telephone Company	X5 RTC, LLC	MA	110737
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	MT	482246
Millry Telephone Company, Inc.	Millry Telephone Co., Inc.	AL	250304
Moapa Valley Telephone Company	Moapa Valley Telephone Co	NV	552353
Mt. Horeb Telephone Company	Mount Horeb Telephone Co.	WI	330916
Nebraska Central Telephone Company	Nebraska Central Telephone	NE	371574
Otelco, Inc.	Pine Tree Telephone LLC	ME	100020
Otelco, Inc.	Saco River Telephone LLC	ME	100022
Otelco, Inc.	Mid-Maine Telecom	ME	103315
Otelco, Inc.	Granby Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass.	MA	110036
Otelco, Inc.	War Telephone LLC	WV	200258
Otelco, Inc.	Blountsville Telephone Co.	AL	250282
Otelco, Inc.	Brindlee Mountain Telephone Co.	AL	250283
Otelco, Inc.	Hopper Telecommunications Co.	AL	250300
Otelco, Inc.	Otelco Telephone LLC	AL	250312
Otelco, Inc.	Mid-Missouri Telephone Co.	MO	421917
Pine Island Telephone Company	Pine Island Telephone Co.	MN	361454
Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	OK	432018
Smithville Telephone Company	Smithville Telephone Co.	MS	280467
Sycamore Telephone Company	Sycamore Telephone Co.	OH	300658
Thomas Conry (Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co.)	Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co. (Defiance)	IA	351149

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Thomas Conry (Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co.)	Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co.	IA	351168
Thomas Conry (Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co.)	Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co. (Manilla)	IA	351235
Union Telephone Company	Union Telephone Company	WY	512297
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	West Carolina Rural	SC	240550
Western Iowa Telephone Association	Western Iowa Association	IA	351334
Wyoming Mutual Telephone Company	Wyoming Mutual Telephone	IA	351343