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RE: Declaration Networks Group, Inc.  
Petition for Grant of a Designation as a High Cost Eligible Telecommunications  
Carrier within Certain Areas of Washington

Dear Mr. Danner:

On behalf of Declaration Networks Group, Inc. ("DNG"), enclosed for filing is an original and fifteen (15) copies of DNG's Petition for Grant of a Designation as a High Cost Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within Certain Areas of Washington.

Please return the enclosed extra copy of this filing in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,



Brian McDermott  
Edward S. Quill, Jr.

Counsel for  
Declaration Networks Group, Inc.

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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In the Matter of )  
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Declaration Networks Group, Inc. )  
 ) **Docket No-** \_\_\_\_\_  
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for Grant of a Designation as a High-Cost )  
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier )  
Within Certain Areas in Washington )  
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**PETITION**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Declaration Networks Group, Inc. (“DNG” or “Petitioner”), through their undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Sections 54.101 through 54.321 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”)<sup>2</sup>, and Chapter 480-123-030 of the rules of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the “Commission”), hereby requests a designation as a high-cost Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) within areas of Washington where DNG has been named a winning bidder in the Connect America Fund Phase II Auction. The Commission has authority to designate ETCs under Section 214(e)(1), 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(d), and WAC 480-123-040. DNG requests that the Commission issue such a high cost ETC designation as soon possible but in no case later than February 25, 2019.<sup>3</sup>

Petitioner submits the following information in support of this Petition:

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).  
<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.101-54.321.

## II. DESCRIPTION OF THE PETITIONER

### A. **Declaration Networks Group, Inc.**

DNG was founded in 2012 with a mission to establish affordable and sustainable broadband ecosystems for local communities, leveraging a variety of technologies best suited for the local service area and its users. Petitioner is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware and is authorized to transact business as a foreign corporation in the state of Washington. In Washington State, DNG has recently filed a registration as a competitive telecommunication company in Docket UT-180807. DNG expects that registration to be effective on October 21, 2018. DNG is headquartered at 8245 Boone Boulevard, Suite 230, Vienna, VA 22182. Petitioner plans to provide services in the state of Washington through use of unregulated wireless spectrum and as such, has no regulatory certificate or license with the Commission. DNG has core competencies in the design, deployment and operation of high capacity access solutions that provide private, residential and enterprise broadband services. DNG is led by a management team that has many decades of experience developing, deploying and operating telecom infrastructure, including delivery of end-user services over FTTH access infrastructure and advanced wireless access infrastructure. Additionally, DNG's team experience includes leading industry-wide eco-system development for TV White Spaces, as well as, public-private partnership development supporting federal programs such as the Rural Utilities Service BIP loan and grant program. Additional information concerning DNG's management team is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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<sup>3</sup> The Commission's post auction requirements have established a deadline for submitting evidence of obtaining an ETC designation for the relevant areas by February 25, 2019.

### **III. DESIGNATED CONTACTS**

Inquiries or copies of any correspondence, orders, or other materials pertaining to this Petition should be directed to:

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### **IV. DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA AND MAP**

Petitioner was recently a winning bidder in the Connect America Fund II Auction for areas in Stevens County, Washington.<sup>4</sup> As part of post-auction procedures set out by the FCC, DNG is required to obtain a high-cost ETC designation within all the areas where it has been named the winning bidder. DNG is hereby seeking such a high-cost ETC designation from the Commission. Petitioner is seeking a designation that mirrors the areas where it has been named the winning bidder. Declaration is not seeking statewide authority, it is seeking a high-cost ETC designation that is narrowly tailored to the census blocks where it has been named as a winning bidder. A full list of the census blocks where DNG has been named the winning bidder is attached as Exhibit C.

DNG is submitting as Exhibit D, a map of DNG's proposed service area. DNG notes that it is a provider of fixed wireless services and therefore is not a commercial mobile radio services operator therefore the obligations set forth in Chapter 480-123-030(1)(f) do not apply to DNG.

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<sup>4</sup> See FCC Public Notice DA 18-887 Dated August 28, 2018. Attached as Exhibit B for your convenience.

## V. DNG MEETS THE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR ETC DESIGNATION

### A. General Network Overview

The DNG broadband access network will provide dedicated access to customer's home, business or other service locations in the service area. The DNG broadband access network is designed to be the last mile connection for high speed broadband that will leverage existing fiber back-haul, and DNG will deploy community masts to be a local distribution site to connect customer premises. The DNG network is a fixed-wireless last mile connection that utilizes commercial grade radios from Cambium Networks to provide high capacity broadband service to most access locations. Through a combination of optimal wireless technology and best-of-breed hardware, DNG designs builds and operates superior networks. DNG employs a best-in-class service approach, and we operate a 24 x 7 customer service and technical support center that is available to assist users with any inquiries or issues.

DNG markets our offerings under the service name, NeuBeam™, with a family of NeuBeam™ products. DNG offers high-speed Internet service to customers in the markets we serve by extending existing middle mile fiber with state-of-the art wireless technology. Customers choose from multiple service options that best serve their Internet usage needs. Customers may also select to add voice service to their Internet offering as an upgrade (Internet + Voice bundle). DNG's VoIP provider has more than 25 years industry experience and supports approximately 400 cable operators, broadband providers and reseller partners, and manages more than one million high-speed data modems and powers over 130,000 voice lines.

NeuBeam™ is designed for residential and business customers who are not satisfied with the speed, reliability, price, or data restrictions of other product offerings, as well as, for those

prospects that would like Internet service but have not been in a location that has had previous availability of Internet services. With NeuBeam™, customers are offered a superior alternative that provides a reliable and affordable high-speed Internet service previously only available in more densely populated metropolitan areas.

#### **B. ETC and CAF Service Obligations**

In accordance with The ETC requirements set out in Section 54.101 of the FCC rules, DNG will provide internet access services that will have the capability to transmit data to and receive data by wire or radio from all or substantially all Internet endpoints, including any capabilities that are incidental to and enable the operation the communications service. In compliance with the Connect America Fund (“CAF”) Phase II Public Interest Obligations, DNG will offer broadband service with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas, at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas. Throughout the area of DNG’s ETC designation, DNG will offer broadband service at actual speeds of 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. DNG will also offer at least 150 gigabytes of monthly usage. DNG also will meet 95 percent or more of all peak period measurements of network round trip latency at or below 100 milliseconds

DNG offers residential and small business voice services through an agreement with a white label product provider. Those services will be in compliance with DNG’s ETC obligations meaning that DNG’s customers will have vide voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety

organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, and toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

DNG has customer protections in place to ensure the protection of customer proprietary network information and DNG will comply with all industry standards for service quality.

### **C. Advertising Obligations**

DNG will advertise the availability of its services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution in the area where it has an ETC designation. DNG's sales and marketing efforts are focused on addressing the pain points typically experienced with competitors' offerings (i.e., low speeds, high monthly fees, data caps, and spotty service availability) through key messages that highlight our superior service quality, value and support.

### **D. Ability to Function in Emergency Situations.**

DNG will have adequate amounts of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, and DNG maintains a redundant network backbone with redundant paths to the internet. Power outage protection is available at all site by means of battery back-up for a minimum of 18 hours. Portable generator hookups are available for extended outage periods.

### **E. Plan of Investment**

DNG will deploy capital investment in the deployment of network assets (i.e. Interconnection, Towers, Masts, Sector Radio's, CPE) that will provide service coverage and availability of high speed Internet service (25 Mbps Down/ 3Mbps Up) and Voice (VoIP) services to the residences and businesses identified CAF 2 funded census blocks.

### **F. Consumer Protection**

DNG provides fixed wireless services, not mobile wireless. Therefore, some of the provisions of the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association's (CTIA) Consumer

Code for Wireless Service (“CTIA Code”) are not applicable to DNG. DNG will comply with those portions of the CTIA Code which are applicable to fixed wireless services. DNG will also comply with the applicable consumer protection and service quality standards of WAC chapter 480-120.

**VI. PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS**

DNG believes that its combination of fiber, wireless, and emerging TV White Space technologies will further enhance local broadband ecosystems, provide healthy competition, catalyze innovation, fill gaps from existing providers and extend Internet services in support of end-users at work, play and home environments. Granting DNG the designation as a high-cost ETC will allow it to proceed with the CAF Phase II Auction process and build out a broadband network in the areas indicated in Stevens County, Washington. Therefore, granting DNG’s request will serve the public interest by expanding the availability of broadband services in the State of Washington.



**VII. CONCLUSION**

Petitioner submits that the information contained herein demonstrated the DNG meets the requirements for a high cost ETC designation in the areas described herein and the expansion of DNG's broadband service offering in the State of Washington will serve the public interest.

WHEREFORE, DNG respectfully requests that the Commission promptly grant this Petition as soon as possible but no later than February 25, 2019 so that it may meet the FCC's CAF II deadline.

Respectfully submitted,



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## Exhibit A

### Management Biographies

DNG's management team comprises experienced telecommunication and high-tech industry executives that have worked in Fortune 50 to startup companies in US and international assignments over the past 35 years. DNG's leadership has a commitment to providing next generation technology solutions that support the needs of the digital generation. Our management team will be the direct contributors responsible for driving the successful long term partnership with it communities and partners, and will leverage the following highlighted relevant experience:

- **Bob Nichols, CEO**, is an experienced business development executive with over 25 years of experience in high tech, telecommunications and startup ventures. He led the business development efforts at Neustar prior to founding DNG developing new business operations supporting strategic telecommunications policies implementations and database interconnection operations. Bob co-founded and is leading the FCC recognized AIR.U initiative along with Google, Microsoft, New America Foundation, Appalachian Regional Commission, and Higher Ed Groups representing over 500 Colleges and Universities. AIR.U includes the Gig.U (Led by Blair Levin, Author of the FCC Broadband Plan) as a founding sponsor, and shares the mission of accelerating the deployment of next-generation networks.
- **Keith Montgomery, CFO**, is an experienced COO, CFO, & CIO with over 33 years of experience in telecommunications, high tech and broadband consulting for domestic and international companies. He was senior manager for MCI during their high growth years supporting financial reporting, business planning, network construction, revenue reporting, financial operations, treasury, and tax operations. He was one of the founding executive for CLEAR Communications that deployed telecommunication, Internet, and TV network for New Zealand. He has completed feasibility and broadband network/operations designs for fixed and wireless network in over 14 states and supported the evaluation program for 2,200 BIP broadband applications for the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). Keith is also the Vice President of the Rural Telecom Congress which promotes broadband adoption for rural communities.
- **Barry Toser, EVP Sales and Marketing**, is a seasoned telecom executive with over 30 years proven experience creating, and executing successful marketing campaigns that drive the adoption of telecommunications, internet and broadband services. He has managed sales and product support teams for large telecommunications companies and helped establish innovative startup organizations establishing new revenue streams and markets leveraging core telecommunication and new high technologies. He has developed these programs while employed for companies such as Neustar, Cable & Wireless, Sprint, and TNS. Barry has also established one of Northern Virginia's leading networking organizations which provides telecommunication/high tech companies and advisors with innovative programs supporting the education and development of the local economy.

- **Kathy Paver, VP Customer Operations**, is a finance professional with over 30 years' experience in Financial Planning & Analysis, Financial Operations, Sales Support, and Customer Operations in the telecommunications industry working for MCI, British Telecom, and XO Communications. She has significant experience partnering with sales executives to forecast sales & revenue while controlling expenses. Kathy is effective in re-engineering, streamlining, and strengthening financial operation to maximize performance and profitability.
- **Warren Brasselle, VP Network Engineering and Operations**, is a seasoned and is a well regarded telecom executive with deep experience in designing, deploying and operating telecommunications and broadband networks, leveraging fiber to the home and wireless technologies for national, middle mile and last mile networks for urban and rural service areas. He has spent 32 years working for Fortune 500 companies like Cavalier Telephone, Cable & Wireless, Williams Telecommunications, and MCI, in addition to several early stage innovative telecom companies. Warren is an expert broadband technology and design consultant providing engineering and operation services for wireless and broadband projects. His projects have included design and deployment of a 10 state/44 site wireless network, optimizing wireless and paging networks, and operating and managing national and regional networks.

**Exhibit B**

**Public Notice**



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE II AUCTION (AUCTION 903) CLOSES WINNING BIDDERS ANNOUNCED FCC FORM 683 DUE OCTOBER 15, 2018

**AU Docket No. 17-182**  
**WC Docket No. 10-90**

1. By this Public Notice, the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), and Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) announce that bidding in the Connect America Fund Phase II (Phase II) auction (Auction 903) concluded on August 21, 2018. There were 103 winning bidders in the auction, with the 10-year support amount totaling \$1.488 billion and covering 713,176 locations in 45 states. Of the 974,223 locations in the 30,033 eligible census block groups (CBGs), approximately 73 percent of the locations are covered by winning bids. While winning bids are for a range of performance tiers, winning bids for downstream speeds of at least 100 megabits per second (Mbps) cover 53 percent of these locations. And over 99.7 percent of these locations will receive at least 25 Mbps downstream speeds, more than twice the 10 Mbps minimum standard for the Connect America Fund program.

2. Winning bidders are required to submit a post-auction application for support (FCC Form 683) no later than **October 15, 2018**. Winning bidders that wish to assign some or all of their winning bids to related entities must do so by **September 14, 2018**, using the Divide Winning Bids process described below.

### I. WINNING BIDDERS

3. This Public Notice summarizes the results of the auction and provides winning bidders with important information, including FCC Form 683 filing requirements and support disbursement matters. Key information appears in the following attachments:

- Attachment A:** "Winning Bidders Summary" lists for each bidder: the state, the 10-year assigned support amount, and the number of locations assigned in winning bids.
- Attachment B:** "State Results Summary" lists for each state with eligible areas in Auction 903: the total assigned support, the number of locations assigned, and the number of bidders with winning bids.
- Attachment C:** "FCC Form 683: Application for Connect America Fund Phase II Auction Support – Instructions."

4. A copy of this Public Notice will be sent to each qualified bidder via overnight delivery to the contact person at the contact address listed in each qualified bidder's short-form application (FCC Form 183).

## II. AUCTION RESULTS

5. Concurrent with the release of this Public Notice, the Commission is making available the detailed auction results and bidding information described below.

**Online Map:** An interactive visual representation of the auction results is available on the Auction 903 web page ([www.fcc.gov/auction/903](http://www.fcc.gov/auction/903)) and at [www.fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/caf2-auction903-results/](http://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/caf2-auction903-results/). There are options for displaying all eligible areas and non-winning bids. Clicking on a state or winning bid listed on the right-hand side of the map will zoom the map in to that area.

**Results Data:** An online viewer of results data and downloadable files that include the identities of bidders and all their submitted bids are now available in the FCC Auctions Public Reporting System ([auctiondata.fcc.gov](http://auctiondata.fcc.gov)), for which there is a link on the Results tab on the Auction 903 web page ([www.fcc.gov/auction/903/](http://www.fcc.gov/auction/903/)).<sup>1</sup>

6. Additionally, the Commission will soon make available certain, previously withheld information submitted in the applications to participate in the auction (FCC Forms 183). This information includes the state(s) and performance tier and latency combination(s) for which each applicant was found to be eligible and applicants' spectrum access attachments, if any.<sup>2</sup> The applications are viewable through the application search feature, which can be accessed through the Application tab on the Auction 903 web page.

## III. POST-AUCTION PROCEDURES

7. Under the competitive bidding rules adopted in the *Phase II Auction Order*, Auction 903 winning bidders must file a post-auction application for support, also referred to as FCC Form 683, consistent with all requirements of the long-form application process.<sup>3</sup> FCC Form 683 has two discrete parts—the Divide Winning Bids portion and the long-form application portion. Each winning bidder is required to file an FCC Form 683 to become authorized to receive support. Prior to completing the long-form application portion, a winning bidder may divide its winning bids by assigning them to related entities, as described below. If a winning bidder divides its winning bids among related entities, those entities will be required to file the long-form application portion of an FCC Form 683 for those winning bids, as described below. A winning bidder will be responsible for completing the long-form application portion of FCC Form 683 for any winning bids that it does not assign to a related entity.

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<sup>1</sup> Because bids in Auction 903 implied annual support amounts, the bids and results data in the FCC Auctions Public Reporting System are on an annual basis, in contrast to the 10-year total support amounts reported in Attachments A and B.

<sup>2</sup> We will continue to withhold from routine public inspection responses to the technical questions in Appendix A of the *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice* and any supporting information; financial information for which confidential treatment was requested under the section 0.459(a)(4) abbreviated confidential treatment process; and any other information subject to a request for confidential treatment that has been granted or remains pending. See *Connect America Fund Phase II Auction Scheduled for July 24, 2018; Notice and Filing Requirements and Other Procedures for Auction 903*, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 1428, 1475-76, 1528-29, para. 127, App. A (2018) (*Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*).

<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 1.21004; *Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 5949, 6000, para. 144 (2016) (*Phase II Auction Order*).

8. **Winning bidders that intend to file a long-form application covering all their winning bids are not required to participate in the Divide Winning Bids process.**<sup>4</sup> Any winning bidder that does not submit the Divide Winning Bids portion of FCC Form 683 prior to 6:00 p.m. ET on September 14, 2018, must file a long-form application that covers *all* its winning bids. In such circumstances, the winning bidder must file the long-form application in its own name, be designated as the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to serve the relevant areas, be named in the requisite letter(s) of credit, and fulfill the public interest obligations associated with receiving Phase II support.

**A. Divide Winning Bids Portion of FCC Form 683**

9. Any winning bidder that intends to assign some or all its winning bids to related entities must do so by submitting the Divide Winning Bids portion of the FCC Form 683 during the Divide Winning Bids filing window. **The Divide Winning Bids filing window will open at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (ET) on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, and close at 6:00 p.m. ET on Friday, September 14, 2018.** During this period, a winning bidder will be able to log into the Auction Application System using the FCC Registration Number (FRN) that it used to file its short-form application and complete the Divide Winning Bids portion of FCC Form 683. The instructions in Attachment C explain how a winning bidder can assign its winning bids to related entities.

10. A winning bidder may only assign its winning bids to a related entity that is named in its short-form application or that was formed after the short-form application deadline (i.e., March 30, 2018).<sup>5</sup> The Auction Application System will not permit a winning bidder to assign its winning bids to another winning bidder. A related entity is an entity that is controlled by the winning bidder or is a member of (or an entity controlled by a member of) a consortium/joint venture of which the winning bidder is a member.<sup>6</sup> Thus, if a holding company/parent company is a winning bidder in Auction 903, the winning bidder may designate at least one operating company that it controls to complete the long-form application to receive Phase II support for some or all of the winning bids in a state. If a consortium/joint venture is a winning bidder in Auction 903, the entity may designate at least one member of (or an entity controlled by a member of) the consortium/joint venture to complete the long-form application to receive Phase II support for some or all of the winning bids in a state.

11. A winning bidder may assign winning bids to more than one entity in a single state, but it cannot assign a single winning bid to more than one entity.<sup>7</sup> Thus, a winning bidder may not apportion among multiple entities either: 1) eligible census blocks within a winning bid for an individual census block group, or 2) separate census block groups within a winning package bid.

12. **Each entity that is assigned a winning bid through the Divide Winning Bids process is the entity that must file the long-form application portion of FCC Form 683 in its own name, be designated as the eligible telecommunications carrier to serve the relevant area(s), be named in the requisite letter(s) of credit, and fulfill the public interest obligations associated with receiving Phase II support.**<sup>8</sup>

13. A winning bidder that assigns some or all its winning bids to a related entity must make a number of certifications in the Divide Winning Bids portion of FCC Form 683. In particular, it must certify and acknowledge that it:

<sup>4</sup> *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1442-43, para. 37.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 1442, para. 37 n.75.

<sup>6</sup> See generally *id.* at 1441, para. 34 (defining a controlling interest for purposes of Auction 903 “as an individual or entity with positive or negative *de jure* or *de facto* control”); see also 47 CFR § 1.2105(a)(4)(i) (defining *de jure* and *de facto* control).

<sup>7</sup> *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1442, para. 37.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 1442-43, para. 37.

- has assigned the winning bids to related entities that were named in the short-form application or are newly formed,
- will inform each entity of its filing obligation and cause each entity to submit a timely FCC Form 683 long-form application,
- will be at risk for default if any of the related entities do not submit a timely FCC Form 683 long-form application, and
- will submit a timely FCC Form 683 long-form application for any of the winning bids that it did not assign to another entity.

**B. Obligation to Apply for Support – Long-Form Application Portion of FCC Form 683**

14. A winning bidder that retains any of its bids, as well as all entities that are assigned winning bids by a winning bidder, must electronically submit the long-form application portion of FCC Form 683 covering those bids prior to the close of the long-form application filing window. **The long-form application filing window will open at 10:00 a.m. ET on Monday, October 1, 2018, and will close at 6:00 p.m. ET on Monday, October 15, 2018.** Certain additional information may be submitted to the Commission after this filing window closes, as described below. **The Auction Application System will open a filing window at 10:00 a.m. ET on Monday, October 22, 2018 to permit applicants to submit this additional information by the relevant deadlines.**

**1. Deadlines**

15. Attachment C of this Public Notice provides instructions for completing the long-form application portion of FCC Form 683. These instructions are consistent with the Commission's requirements fully described in section 54.315(b) & (c) of the Commission's rules and paragraphs 289 to 316 of the *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*.<sup>9</sup> Below is a summary of the information that must be submitted by the applicable application deadlines:<sup>10</sup>

- **Information due prior to 6:00 p.m. ET on October 15, 2018:**
  - **Applicant information**, including legal classification (e.g., corporation, general partnership, etc.), jurisdiction of formation, address, contact information, and responsible individual
  - **Whether the applicant has already been designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC)** for all the eligible census blocks in a winning bid(s)<sup>11</sup>
    - If the applicant has already obtained a high-cost ETC designation that covers all the relevant areas in a state, it should submit the required ETC documentation and certification letter by this deadline so that Commission staff can expeditiously verify the applicant's ETC status in the state

<sup>9</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b), (c); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1512-21, paras. 289-316; *see also Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5986-6005, paras. 111-56.

<sup>10</sup> As discussed in Attachment C, certain applicant information will be automatically transferred from a winning bidder's short-form application (FCC Form 183) to its long-form application (FCC Form 683).

<sup>11</sup> By February 25, 2019, the long-form applicant must obtain from all the relevant states or the Commission a high-cost ETC designation(s) that cover its winning bid areas and upload the required documentation and a certification letter to its FCC Form 683. 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(5); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1519, para. 310; *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5999, 6002-05, paras. 141, 149-56.



- If the applicant has obtained a high-cost ETC designation for only some of the relevant areas in a state, Commission staff will not verify the applicant's ETC status in a state until the applicant has submitted the required documentation and certification letter for *all* the relevant areas in the state
- **Whether the applicant is required to submit audited financial statements** during the long-form application process and whether it seeks confidential treatment of those financial statements<sup>12</sup>
- **Initial project overview(s)** describing at a high-level the applicant's intended technology and system design for each state with a winning bid.<sup>13</sup> An applicant should not include any confidential trade secrets or commercial information in its overview(s), which will be made publicly available.
- **Project funding description(s)** that explains how necessary construction will be funded in each state<sup>14</sup>
- **Spectrum access description(s)** demonstrating that the applicant has sufficient access to spectrum in each state, if applicable<sup>15</sup>
- **Agreement information**, including information regarding any agreements relating to the applicant's participation in Auction 903<sup>16</sup>
- **Ownership information**, including information regarding entities that have an ownership or other interest in the applicant and associated Commission-regulated businesses<sup>17</sup>
- **Various certifications**, including certifications regarding the applicant's compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements; financial and technical qualifications; available funds; compliance with the relevant public interest obligations and ETC requirements; and spectrum access, if applicable<sup>18</sup>

16. In the *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, the Commission adopted a deadline of 60 days from the release of this Public Notice for long-form applicants to submit letter of credit commitment letters, as well as detailed technology and system design descriptions.<sup>19</sup> We find good cause to waive this deadline and provide a short extension for the filing of this information. Generally, the Commission's rules may be waived for good cause shown.<sup>20</sup> Waiver of the Commission's rules is appropriate only if both: (1) special circumstances warrant a deviation from the general rule, and (2) such deviation will

<sup>12</sup> As noted below, the audited financial statements are due by February 25, 2019. 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(4); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1519-20, para. 311; *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5983-84, 5989, paras. 102-03, 116.

<sup>13</sup> *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1514, para. 299.

<sup>14</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(2)(vi); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1518, para. 306; *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5989, para. 116.

<sup>15</sup> *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1518-19, paras. 307-08.

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* at 1485, para. 162.

<sup>17</sup> 47 CFR §§ 1.2112(a), 54.315(b)(2)(i).

<sup>18</sup> See, e.g., 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(2)(ii), (iii), (v), (vii); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1513-14, 1518, 1519, paras. 292-97, 306, 308.

<sup>19</sup> *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1514, 1519, paras. 300, 309.

<sup>20</sup> 47 CFR § 1.3.

serve the public interest.<sup>21</sup> We find that special circumstances exist because we have shifted the initial post-auction filing deadline to allow for the Divide Winning Bids portion of FCC Form 683 and we cannot immediately open another filing window for the information due by the 60-day deadline due to administrative reasons.<sup>22</sup> We conclude that it serves the public interest to extend the deadline to provide long-form applicants with sufficient time to submit this information after the filing window re-opens at 10:00 a.m. ET on Thursday, October 22, 2018, and before the deadline of 6:00 p.m. ET on November 5, 2018. Because we are only extending the 60-day deadline by a week and are not adjusting the final 180-day long-form application deadline, we expect that this extension will not materially delay our efforts to authorize applicants for support. Accordingly, we find the public interest benefits outweigh any potential harm.

- **Information due prior to 6:00 p.m. ET on November 5, 2018:**
  - **Letter of credit commitment letter(s)** for each applicable state from a qualified bank committing to issue an irrevocable stand-by letter of credit to the long-form applicant in the required form that covers the first year of support (at a minimum)<sup>23</sup>
  - **Detailed technology and system design description(s)** for each applicable state, including a network diagram certified by a professional engineer; paragraphs 298 to 305 of the *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice* provide detailed guidance on how an applicant can successfully meet this requirement<sup>24</sup>
    - The professional engineer must certify that he or she has reviewed the network diagram and that the network is capable of delivering, to at least 95 percent of the required number of locations in each relevant state, voice and broadband service that meets the requisite performance requirements<sup>25</sup>
    - While it is not necessary that the professional engineer certifying the network diagram have a Professional Engineer license, the certification should describe the professional engineer's qualifications such that the certifier's expertise is apparent
- **Information due prior to 6:00 p.m. ET on February 25, 2019:**
  - **Documentation of high-cost ETC designation(s)** in all areas where the applicant will receive support, as described in paragraph 310 of the *Auction 903 Procedures Public*

<sup>21</sup> See *Northeast Cellular Tel. Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990) (citing *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153, 1157-59 (D.C. Cir. 1969), *cert. denied*, 93 S. Ct. 461 (1972)).

<sup>22</sup> *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1512, para. 290 (noting that the original initial long-form application filing deadline was “[u]nless otherwise provided by public notice, within 10 business days after release of the Auction 903 closing public notice”).

<sup>23</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(3); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1519, para. 309; *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5997, para. 134. At a minimum, the letter must provide the dollar amount of the letter of credit and the issuing bank's agreement to follow the terms and conditions of the Commission's model letter of credit in Appendix B of the *Phase II Auction Order*. *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 6045-49, App. B. The requirements for a qualified bank are described in detail in the *Phase II Auction Order* and section 54.315(c) of the Commission's rules. 47 CFR § 54.315(c)(2); *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd 5992-97, paras. 126-33.

<sup>24</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(2)(iv); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1514-18, paras. 298-305.

<sup>25</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(2)(iv); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1514, para. 298; *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5987-88, para. 114.

*Notice.*<sup>26</sup> An applicant should also upload a .csv file of the census blocks that are included in the ETC designation order, if applicable.

- **ETC certification letter(s)** from an officer of the applicant certifying that the long-form applicant's ETC designation(s) covers all the areas where the applicant will receive support<sup>27</sup>
- If not provided with the FCC Form 183 short-form application by the long-form applicant or a related entity,<sup>28</sup> **financial statements from the prior fiscal year (i.e., 2017) that have been audited by an independent certified public accountant**, including the audit opinion, balance sheets, net income, and cash flow statements<sup>29</sup>
  - The applicant must submit the audited financial statements of the entity that submitted its unaudited financial statements in the relevant FCC Form 183 short-form application or its own audited financial statements<sup>30</sup>
  - Any applicant that fails to submit the audited financial statements as required by this deadline will be subject to a base forfeiture of \$50,000, which will be subject to adjustment upward or downward as appropriate based on criteria set forth in the Commission's forfeiture guidelines<sup>31</sup>

17. Timely submitted applications will be reviewed by Commission staff for completeness and compliance with the Commission's rules and to determine if the long-form applicant has demonstrated that it is technically and financially qualified to fulfill its Phase II public interest obligations if authorized to receive support. Commission staff will notify a long-form applicant if additional information is required. If the application and the information with respect to each winning bid in a particular state is complete and the long-form applicant has demonstrated that it is technically and financially qualified, WCB will release a public notice identifying the applicant and the winning bids for which the Commission is ready to authorize Phase II support.<sup>32</sup> If a long-form applicant ultimately fails to provide all the required information or demonstrate that it is technically and financially qualified, WCB will release a public notice identifying the applicant and the winning bids that are considered in default.<sup>33</sup>

<sup>26</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(5); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1519, para. 310; *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5999, para. 141.

<sup>27</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(5); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1519, para. 310; *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5999, para. 141.

<sup>28</sup> In this context, a related entity means the long-form applicant's parent/holding company or, if the long-form applicant is a member of a consortium or joint venture, the member of the consortium or joint venture that submitted financial statements with the short-form application.

<sup>29</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(4); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1519-20, para. 311; *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5983-84, 5989, paras. 102-03, 116.

<sup>30</sup> Accordingly, if the long-form applicant is a member of a consortium, it should submit the audited financial statements of the consortium member that submitted its unaudited financial statements in FCC Form 183. If the long-form applicant is an operating company of a holding company that filed a FCC Form 183 on behalf of the long-form applicant, the long-form applicant should submit the audited financial statements of the holding company. A long-form applicant also has the option of filing its own audited financial statements instead.

<sup>31</sup> *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1519-20, para. 311; *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5984-85, paras. 103-05; 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(2)(B); 47 CFR § 1.80(b)(8), note to paragraph (b)(8).

<sup>32</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(6)(v).

<sup>33</sup> A long-form applicant that defaults on a winning bid in a state may still be authorized to receive support for its remaining winning bids in that state.

- If not already provided, the applicant will have 10 business days from the release of the public notice indicating that the Commission is ready to authorize support to submit:
  - **Irrevocable standby letter(s) of credit** for each state where the long-form applicant will be authorized to receive support. Long-form applicants should carefully review the letter of credit requirements in section 54.315(c) of the Commission's rules and in the *Phase II Auction Order*,<sup>34</sup> which are summarized below:
    - The letter(s) of credit must cover the first year of support for the state, at a minimum.<sup>35</sup> An applicant may obtain multiple letters of credit to cover all the bids in the state, but compliance with service milestones will be reviewed on a state-wide basis. Accordingly, if a long-form applicant chooses to obtain a letter of credit for each of its bids that are located in a state and defaults, a draw on *all* the letters of credit covering all of the bids in the state will be authorized.<sup>36</sup>
    - The letter(s) of credit must be issued in substantially the same form as set forth in the model letter of credit provided in Appendix B of the *Phase II Auction Order*.<sup>37</sup>
    - The long-form applicant must be the entity that is named in the letter(s) of credit.<sup>38</sup>
    - The letter(s) of credit must be issued by a qualified bank. The issuing bank eligibility requirements are described in section 54.315(c)(2) of the Commission's rules and in paragraphs 126 to 133 of the *Phase II Auction Order*.<sup>39</sup>
    - Before a support recipient can receive its next year's support and each year's support thereafter, it must modify, renew, or obtain a new letter of credit to ensure that it is valued at a minimum at the total amount of support that has already been disbursed plus the amount of support that is going to be provided in the next year, subject to certain reductions when the support recipient has substantially met its service milestones.<sup>40</sup>
    - The letter(s) of credit must remain open until the support recipient has certified that it has met the final service milestone and the Universal Service

<sup>34</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(c); *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5989-99, 6045-49, paras. 119-40, App. B.

<sup>35</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(c)(1); *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5997, para. 135.

<sup>36</sup> *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5991, para. 122 & n.242.

<sup>37</sup> *Id.* at 6045-49, App. B.

<sup>38</sup> *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1443, para. 37.

<sup>39</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(c)(2); *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd 5992-97, paras. 126-33.

<sup>40</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(c)(1); *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5991, 5997, paras. 122, 135. Once an Auction 903 support recipient has met its 60 percent service milestone, its letter of credit may be valued at 90 percent of the total support amount already disbursed plus the amount that will be disbursed in the coming year. Once an Auction 903 support recipient has met its 80 percent service milestone, its letter of credit may be valued at 60 percent of the total support amount already disbursed plus the amount that will be disbursed in the coming year. See *Connect America Fund et al.*, Order on Reconsideration, 33 FCC Rcd 1380, 1405, para. 64 (2018) (*Phase II Auction Reconsideration Order*); *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5997-98, para. 136.

Administrative Company (USAC) has verified that the build out obligation has been fulfilled<sup>41</sup>

- **Letter of Credit Bankruptcy Opinion Letter(s)** from legal counsel regarding the treatment of the letter(s) of credit or its proceeds in a bankruptcy proceeding<sup>42</sup>

18. Once Commission staff has determined that a long-form application is complete and the long-form applicant is financially and technically qualified, and the letter(s) of credit and accompanying opinion letter(s) have been received and approved, WCB will issue a public notice announcing the authorization of support for the winning bid(s) and directing USAC to begin disbursing support.<sup>43</sup> USAC will issue a new study area code to each long-form applicant for each state in which it is authorized to receive support. Long-form applicants will be notified of the new study area code prior to the authorization for support along with procedures for disbursing support. Monthly support disbursements will begin shortly after the authorization public notice has been released.

19. If an applicant is not authorized to receive support for a winning bid, it will be in default and subject to forfeiture for that winning bid as described below.

## 2. Forfeiture in the Event of Default

20. As described in the *Phase II Auction Order*,<sup>44</sup> winning bidders or long-form applicants that have been assigned winning bids during the Divide Winning Bids stage will be subject to a forfeiture in the event of a default. A winning bidder or long-form applicant will be considered in default and will be subject to forfeiture if it fails to timely file a long-form application, fails to meet the document submission deadlines, is found ineligible or unqualified to receive Phase II support, and/or otherwise defaults on its winning bids or is disqualified for any reason prior to the authorization of support. Any such determination shall be final, and a winning bidder or long-form applicant shall have no opportunity to cure through additional submissions, negotiations, or otherwise.

21. In the event of an auction default, a base forfeiture per violation of \$3,000 may be imposed.<sup>45</sup> So that this base forfeiture amount is not disproportionate to the amount of a winning bidder's bid, the Commission has limited the total base forfeiture to five percent of the bidder's total assigned support for the bid for the support term.<sup>46</sup> Notwithstanding this limitation, the total base forfeiture will also be subject to adjustment upward or downward based on the criteria set forth in the Commission's

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<sup>41</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(c)(1); *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5991, para. 123.

<sup>42</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(c)(3); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1520, para. 313; *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 5992, para. 125.

<sup>43</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(6)(vi).

<sup>44</sup> *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 6000-01, paras. 143-45; *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1520-21, paras. 314-15.

<sup>45</sup> *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 6000, para. 143; *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1521, para. 315.

<sup>46</sup> *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 6000-01, para. 144; *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1521, para. 315. This would occur in situations where the dollar amount associated with the bid is low. For example, assume Bidder A's winning bid includes 100 CBGs for \$100,000 over the 10-year support term. We may impose a base forfeiture of \$5,000 (5 percent of \$100,000) because otherwise the base forfeiture would be \$300,000 (\$3,000 x 100 CBGs), which is three times the entire bid amount. In contrast, if Bidder B's winning bid includes 100 CBGs for \$7,000,000 over the support term, we may impose a base forfeiture of \$300,000 (\$3,000 x 100 CBGs), which is 4.3 percent of the total bid.

forfeiture guidelines.<sup>47</sup> A violation is defined as any form of default with respect to the minimum geographic unit eligible for bidding.<sup>48</sup> In other words, there shall be separate apparent violations for each census block group assigned in a bid.

### C. General FCC Form 683 Information

22. For both the Divide Winning Bids and long-form application portions of FCC Form 683, the application may be filed at any time after the relevant filing window opens until the filing window closes. Applicants are strongly encouraged to file early and are responsible for allowing adequate time for filing their applications. Applications can be updated or amended multiple times until the relevant filing window closes.

23. A winning bidder and/or long-form applicant must always click on the CERTIFY & SUBMIT button on the "Certify & Submit" screen to successfully submit its FCC Form 683 and any modifications; otherwise, the application or changes to the application will not be received or reviewed by Commission staff. If a winning bidder or long-form applicant needs guidance or encounters technical difficulties in filing FCC Form 683, it may contact FCC Auctions Technical Support using the information in the Contact section, below.

### D. Maintaining Accuracy of Information

24. Each long-form applicant must make all changes to its information in the Auction Application System using FCC Form 683. With the release of this Public Notice, long-form applicants are no longer required to maintain the accuracy and completeness of information furnished in their FCC Form 183 applications.

25. A long-form applicant will be permitted to make minor modifications to its application after the deadline for submitting applications.<sup>49</sup> Minor modifications include correcting typographical errors and supplying non-material information that was inadvertently omitted or not available at the time the application was submitted.<sup>50</sup> If a long-form applicant makes a major modification to its application, the application will be denied.<sup>51</sup> In such an event, the long-form applicant will be subject to forfeiture. Major modifications include, but are not limited to, any changes in the ownership of the long-form applicant that constitute an assignment or transfer of control, any changes in the identity of the long-form applicant, or any changes in the required certifications.<sup>52</sup>

### E. Public Availability of FCC Form 683 Information

26. Information submitted in FCC Form 683 will generally be publicly available after Commission staff completes its review. Accordingly, a long-form applicant should take care not to include any unnecessary sensitive information, such as Taxpayer Identification Numbers or Social Security Numbers, in its application. However, consistent with the Commission's limited information procedures in place for Auction 903, certain information will be withheld from routine public inspection even after support is authorized.

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<sup>47</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(2)(B); 47 CFR § 1.80(b)(8), note to paragraph (b)(8); *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 6000-01, para. 143; *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1521, para. 315.

<sup>48</sup> *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 6000, para. 144; *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1521, para. 315.

<sup>49</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(6)(iii).

<sup>50</sup> *Id.*

<sup>51</sup> *Id.* § 54.315(b)(6)(iv).

<sup>52</sup> *Id.*

27. Information related to a long-form applicant's detailed technology and system design description and its project funding description will be treated as confidential and will be withheld from public inspection.<sup>53</sup> The Commission will treat long-form applicants that submit this information as having made a request to treat this information as confidential trade secrets and/or commercial information. As such, a long-form applicant need not submit a separate section 0.459 confidentiality request for this information with its FCC Form 683.

28. Moreover, a long-form applicant may request confidential treatment of its audited financial statements directly on FCC Form 683, using an abbreviated process under section 0.459(a)(4) of the Commission's rules. The applicant need not submit a separate section 0.459 confidentiality request with its FCC Form 683.<sup>54</sup>

29. Nevertheless, if a request for public inspection under section 0.461 is made for the long-form applicant's audited financial statements, detailed technology and system design description, or project funding description, the long-form applicant will be notified and then must justify the continued confidential treatment of the information if it objects to the disclosure.<sup>55</sup>

30. A long-form applicant may include with its FCC Form 683 a request that any other information submitted in its application not be made routinely available for public inspection following the procedures set forth in section 0.459 of the Commission's rules.<sup>56</sup> Requests for confidential treatment of information other than that discussed above will not be routinely granted.

#### IV. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

##### A. Maintaining Prohibition on Certain Communications

31. Section 1.21002 of the Commission's rules provides that, subject to specified exceptions, after the deadline for filing a short-form application, an applicant "is prohibited from communicating with any other applicant in any manner the substance of its own, or one another's, or any competing applicant's bids or bidding strategies, until after the post-auction deadline for winning bidders to submit applications for support."<sup>57</sup> As explained more fully in the *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, this prohibition took effect as of the short-form application filing deadline, i.e., March 30, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. ET, and extends until the deadline for filing the long-form application portion of FCC Form 683, i.e., **October 15, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. ET.**<sup>58</sup>

<sup>53</sup> *Id.* § 0.459; *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1515, paras. 300 n.447 & 306 n.499. A long-form applicant's high-level initial project overview will be made publicly available. *Id.* at 1514, para. 299.

<sup>54</sup> 47 CFR § 0.459(a)(4). To ensure that the particular information is afforded such treatment, in both cases, a long-form applicant must upload the information to FCC Form 683 using the appropriate attachment "type" as described in the instructions in Attachment C.

<sup>55</sup> *Id.* § 0.461

<sup>56</sup> *Id.* § 0.459.

<sup>57</sup> *Id.* § 1.21002(b).

<sup>58</sup> See *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1477, para. 134.

32. This prohibition applies to all short-form applicants regardless of whether such applicants became qualified bidders or actually bid.<sup>59</sup> We also emphasize that, for purposes of this prohibition, an “applicant” includes the entity filing the application, each entity capable of controlling the applicant, and each entity that may be controlled by the applicant or by an entity capable of controlling the applicant.<sup>60</sup>

33. The prohibition of “communicating in any manner” includes public disclosures, private communications, and indirect or implicit communications, as well as express statements of bids and bidding strategies.<sup>61</sup> Consequently, an applicant must take care to determine whether its auction-related communications may reach another applicant.

#### B. High-Cost Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designations

34. As noted above, by February 25, 2019, the long-form applicant must have obtained a high-cost ETC designation(s) from all the relevant states or the Commission that covers its winning bid areas and must submit the required documentation and a certification letter(s) from an officer.<sup>62</sup> Long-form applicants subject to state jurisdiction must petition the relevant state commissions for ETC designation and should follow state rules and requirements to apply for designation(s).<sup>63</sup> Long-form applicants not subject to state jurisdiction must petition the Commission for designation(s) as described in the *Auction 903 ETC Public Notice*.<sup>64</sup>

35. In the event a long-form applicant determines that it will be unable to obtain the necessary ETC designations within 180 days, it should upload a petition for waiver of the deadline to its FCC Form 683. The Commission has found that it would be appropriate to waive the 180-day timeframe if the long-form applicant is able to demonstrate that it has engaged in good faith efforts to obtain an ETC designation, but the proceeding is not yet complete.<sup>65</sup> A waiver of the 180-day deadline would be appropriate if, for example, an entity has an ETC application pending with a state and the state’s next scheduled meeting at which it would consider the ETC application will occur after the 180-day window. When considering waivers of the 180-day timeframe for obtaining ETC designation, we will presume that

<sup>59</sup> An entity that submits an application becomes an “applicant” under the rule at the application filing deadline and that status does not change based on subsequent developments. See, e.g., *Star Wireless, LLC v. FCC*, 522 F.3d 469 (D.C. Cir. 2008) (section 1.2105(c) applies to applicants regardless of whether they are qualified to bid). Thus, an auction applicant that does not correct deficiencies in its application, or does not otherwise become qualified, remains an “applicant” for purposes of the rule and remains subject to the prohibition on certain communications until the long-form application filing deadline.

<sup>60</sup> 47 CFR § 1.21002(a).

<sup>61</sup> *Id.*; see generally *Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules*, Report and Order et al., 30 FCC Rcd 7493, 7577, para. 199 (2015) (explaining that similar section 1.2105(c) language prohibiting communicating bids or bidding strategies “in any manner” bars “communicating bids or bidding information, either directly or indirectly”); *Cascade Access, L.L.C.*, Forfeiture Order, 28 FCC Rcd 141, 144, para. 7 (EB 2013) (rejecting argument that the communication was not prohibited because it did not reveal the “substance” of Cascade’s bids or bidding strategies).

<sup>62</sup> 47 CFR § 54.315(b)(5); *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1519, para. 310.

<sup>63</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

<sup>64</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(6); *WCB Reminds Connect America Fund Phase II Auction Applicants of the Process for Obtaining a Federal Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 10-90, Public Notice, DA 18-714 (WCB July 10, 2018). As described in the public notice, the Commission places the burden of proof upon the petitioner seeking a Commission ETC designation to demonstrate that the Commission has jurisdiction. *Id.* at 1-2.

<sup>65</sup> *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 6002-03, paras. 152-53.



an entity acted in good faith if the entity files its ETC application **within 30 days** of the release of this Public Notice.<sup>66</sup>

### C. Public Interest Obligations and Annual Reporting Requirements

36. To ensure that Phase II support meets the Commission's public interest objectives, a long-form applicant that has received notice from the Commission that it is authorized to receive Phase II support will be subject to a variety of obligations, including service requirements, service milestones, reporting, and record retention requirements.<sup>67</sup> This includes the requirement that Auction 903 support recipients test and certify compliance with the relevant performance requirements in accordance with the uniform framework to measure and report on performance that was adopted by WCB, WTB, and the Office of Engineering and Technology.<sup>68</sup>

37. An Auction 903 support recipient will be subject to non-compliance measures if it fails or is unable to meet the service milestones or other service requirements, or fails to fulfill any other term or condition of Phase II support.<sup>69</sup> As described in the *December 2014 Connect America Order*, the *Phase II Auction Order*, and the *CAF Performance Measures Order*, these measures will scale with the extent of non-compliance, and include additional reporting, withholding of support, support recovery, and drawing on the support recipient's letter of credit if the support recipient cannot pay back the relevant support by the applicable deadline.<sup>70</sup> A support recipient may also be subject to other sanctions for non-compliance with the terms and conditions of Phase II support, including, but not limited to, the Commission's existing enforcement procedures and penalties, potential revocation of ETC designations, and suspension or debarment.<sup>71</sup>

### D. Location Total and Support Adjustment Process

38. If a Phase II support recipient cannot identify enough locations in the eligible census blocks in its winning bids to meet its statewide obligation, it will have one year from the release of this Public Notice to file evidence of the total number of locations in those census blocks, including geolocation data of all the locations it was able to identify.<sup>72</sup> The support recipient's filing will be subject to review and comment by relevant stakeholders and an audit. If the support recipient demonstrates that the number of actual, on-the-ground locations is lower than the number estimated by the Connect America Cost Model, its state location total will be adjusted, and its support will be reduced on a pro rata basis.<sup>73</sup> If a support recipient finds that the number of actual locations has increased, its location total and support will not be increased.<sup>74</sup> We will release a public notice seeking comment on the implementation of this process.

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<sup>66</sup> *Id.*

<sup>67</sup> See, e.g. 47 CFR §§ 54.309, 54.310(c), 54.313, 54.314, 54.316, 54.320; *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1433-36, 1473, paras. 12-17, 121 (providing a high-level summary of the relevant public interest obligations and high-cost ETC obligations).

<sup>68</sup> *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Order, DA 18-710 (WCB/WTB/OET July 6, 2018) (*CAF Performance Measures Order*).

<sup>69</sup> 47 CFR §§ 54.315(c)(4), 54.320.

<sup>70</sup> *Id.* §§ 54.315(c)(4), 54.320; *CAF Performance Measures Order* at 23-25, paras. 60-67; *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 6016-18, paras. 189-94; *Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 15644, 15694-701, paras. 142-57 (2014) (*December 2014 Connect America Order*).

<sup>71</sup> 47 CFR § 54.320(c); *Phase II Auction Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 6018, para. 194.

<sup>72</sup> *Phase II Auction Reconsideration Order*, 33 FCC Rcd at 1389-91, paras. 23-28.

<sup>73</sup> *Id.* at 1389, para. 23.

<sup>74</sup> *Id.* at 1390, para. 26.

**E. Return of SecurID® Tokens**

39. The SecurID® tokens distributed to qualified bidders were tailored to Auction 903 and will not work for future auctions. Each bidder should return its SecurID® tokens to the Commission for recycling. The Commission will send each bidder, along with the copy of this Public Notice, a pre-addressed, stamped envelope for returning the SecurID® tokens.

**F. Contact Information**

40. For further information, contact:

**Technical Support**

Electronic Filing  
Auction Application System and CAF II Bidding  
System (Hardware/Software Issues)

**FCC Auctions Technical Support Hotline**  
(877) 480-3201, option nine; or (202) 414-1250  
(202) 414-1255 (TTY)  
Hours of service: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET,  
Monday through Friday

**Press Information**

Mark Wigfield, (202) 418-0253

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Procedures

**Auctions and Spectrum Access Division**  
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Post-Auction Rules, Policies, and Regulations

**Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force**  
Chelsea Fallon, (202) 418-7991  
Kirk Burgee, (202) 418-1599  
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3E8 Broadband Solutions, LLC	0027362102	Arkansas	\$ 3,621,846.50	811
Air Link Rural Broadband, LLC	0020854725	Missouri	\$ 11,371,438.40	2,321
Allen's T.V. Cable Service, Inc.	0003746898	Louisiana	\$ 1,776,732.60	794
AMG Technology Investment Group LLC	0021701891	Illinois	\$ 35,329,965.90	15,022
AMG Technology Investment Group LLC	0021701891	Iowa	\$ 50,614,528.00	15,097
AMG Technology Investment Group LLC	0021701891	Kansas	\$ 37,349,710.70	10,088
AMG Technology Investment Group LLC	0021701891	Nebraska	\$ 40,848,389.90	8,768
AMG Technology Investment Group LLC	0021701891	Oklahoma	\$ 41,285,224.30	17,883
AMG Technology Investment Group LLC	0021701891	Texas	\$ 75,855,975.10	33,803
ArisWave Consortium	0027394261	Arkansas	\$ 7,069,003.30	3,191
ArisWave Consortium	0027394261	Illinois	\$ 147,196.40	72
ArisWave Consortium	0027394261	Mississippi	\$ 277,905.30	80
ArisWave Consortium	0027394261	Missouri	\$ 3,001,544.70	788
ArisWave Consortium	0027394261	Oklahoma	\$ 1,803,161.00	3,549



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Armstrong Telephone Company - Northern Division	0004311528	Pennsylvania	\$ 2,642,412.90	1,949
Barry Electric Cooperative	0002506384	Missouri	\$ 6,103,454.20	2,308
BEK Communications Cooperative	0002477636	North Dakota	\$ 1,182,155.00	534
Ben Lomand Communications, LLC	0003729142	Tennessee	\$ 333,796.70	171
Benton Ridge Telephone Company	0005053251	Illinois	\$ 24,366,144.10	6,041
Benton Ridge Telephone Company	0005053251	Indiana	\$ 14,883,684.70	11,537
Benton Ridge Telephone Company	0005053251	Ohio	\$ 13,121,990.30	6,379
Bloosurf, LLC	0019496462	Delaware	\$ 1,188,310.70	1,321
Bloosurf, LLC	0019496462	Maryland	\$ 4,280,186.00	3,770
Broadband Corp	0016419392	Minnesota	\$ 428,117.00	128
Bruce Telephone Company, Inc.	0003773520	Wisconsin	\$ 177,933.10	34
Cal.net, Inc.	0020855656	California	\$ 50,516,651.70	20,859
California Internet, L.P.	0023707953	California	\$ 82,629,017.80	10,922
California Internet, L.P.	0023707953	Nevada	\$ 5,203,385.60	923
Casey Mutual Telephone Company	0004330965	Iowa	\$ 244,923.20	107
Chariton Valley Communications Corporation	0008437147	Missouri	\$ 4,179,665.50	847
Cincinnati Bell Inc.	0003018033	Kentucky	\$ 1,035,217.00	321



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Cincinnati Bell Inc.	0003018033	Ohio	\$ 63,613.40	21
Citynet LLC	0014281588	West Virginia	\$ 6,517,708.30	898
ClearSKY Systems, Inc.	0006659650	Illinois	\$ 127,414.20	207
Commnet Wireless, LLC	0007116403	Arizona	\$ 28,166,420.50	6,902
Commnet Wireless, LLC	0007116403	Colorado	\$ 5,512,547.40	3,384
Commnet Wireless, LLC	0007116403	Nevada	\$ 23,669,836.70	12,844
Commnet Wireless, LLC	0007116403	New Mexico	\$ 16,936,408.00	7,182
Commnet Wireless, LLC	0007116403	Utah	\$ 3,210,411.20	822
Commnet Wireless, LLC	0007116403	Wyoming	\$ 2,446,067.40	690
Computer 5 Inc. d/b/a LocalTel Communications	0014511364	Washington	\$ 6,847,092.40	1,910
Consolidated Telephone Company	0003742467	Minnesota	\$ 934,933.80	358
Consortium 903	0004365334	Oklahoma	\$ 5,357,649.10	13,657
Crocker Communications, Inc.	0016420713	Massachusetts	\$ 1,193,076.90	404
Crystal Automation Systems, Inc.	0015011810	Michigan	\$ 27,299,086.90	17,610
Declaration Networks Group, Inc	0023973480	Maryland	\$ 2,880,040.40	2,454
Declaration Networks Group, Inc	0023973480	Washington	\$ 3,904,100.20	2,929
Echo Wireless Broadband, Inc.	0021392634	New Mexico	\$ 1,542,197.80	624
Echo Wireless Broadband, Inc.	0021392634	Texas	\$ 3,933,712.70	1,093

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Farmers Mutual Telephone Company	0003747722	Minnesota	\$ 348,991.60	163
Federated Telephone Cooperative	0003741576	Minnesota	\$ 1,431,038.80	808
Fidelity Communications Company	0024948192	Arkansas	\$ 48,459.90	10
Fidelity Communications Company	0024948192	Missouri	\$ 24,367.10	9
Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee	0027389550	Minnesota	\$ 55,010.80	13
Frontier Communications Corporation	0003576352	California	\$ 51,552.60	23
Garden Valley Telephone Company	0002652519	Minnesota	\$ 880,346.00	95
Gila Local Exchange Carrier, Inc.	0017377771	Arizona	\$ 104,499.00	29
Halstad Telephone Company	0003744224	Minnesota	\$ 19,635.20	7
Hankins Information Technology	0027344498	California	\$ 1,911,329.30	1,083
Hanson Communications, Inc.	0015551302	South Dakota	\$ 205,817.70	35
Hardy Telecommunications, Inc	0013169313	West Virginia	\$ 47,435.40	7
Hawaiian Telcom, Inc.	0001520980	Hawaii	\$ 18,160,637.80	3,936
Hilliary Communications Consortium	0027377506	Oklahoma	\$ 3,161,023.30	1,237
Hilliary Communications Consortium	0027377506	Texas	\$ 831,017.60	98
HolstonConnect, LLC	0026995332	Tennessee	\$ 535,416.80	517
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	0001886944	South Carolina	\$ 233,490.00	80
IdeaTek Telcom, LLC	0015798648	Kansas	\$ 6,186,881.60	2,490



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Illinois Electric Cooperative	0004821989	Illinois	\$ 2,276,419.20	804
Independent Networks, Inc.	0003722485	Iowa	\$ 288,834.00	123
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	0003741550	Minnesota	\$ 552,329.60	209
Inventive Wireless of Nebraska, LLC	0018706002	Colorado	\$ 1,505,512.80	336
Inventive Wireless of Nebraska, LLC	0018706002	Nebraska	\$ 678.00	2
Inventive Wireless of Nebraska, LLC	0018706002	Wyoming	\$ 3,734,455.40	1,354
Jaguar Communication, Inc	0004365961	Minnesota	\$ 510,587.60	672
JCWIFI.com LLC	0027349513	Wisconsin	\$ 486,423.60	175
Johnson Telephone Company	0004311304	Minnesota	\$ 81,272.50	47
Lake Region Technology & Communications, LLC	0023985237	Oklahoma	\$ 4,024,501.30	2,247
LTD Broadband LLC	0020926788	Illinois	\$ 19,462.20	145
LTD Broadband LLC	0020926788	Iowa	\$ 69,516.40	33
LTD Broadband LLC	0020926788	Minnesota	\$ 1,104,440.80	840
LTD Broadband LLC	0020926788	Nebraska	\$ 27,082.50	74
LTD Broadband LLC	0020926788	Nevada	\$ 44,171.40	315
Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative	0025956137	Iowa	\$ 2,262,038.60	1,107





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Mark Twain Communications Company	0002531879	Missouri	\$ 3,053,366.20	676
Mercury Wireless	0018603027	Indiana	\$ 1,400,844.80	7,371
Mercury Wireless	0018603027	Kansas	\$ 1,331,173.00	776
Mercury Wireless	0018603027	Michigan	\$ 235,636.50	971
Mercury Wireless	0018603027	Missouri	\$ 1,641,845.40	1,954
Mercury Wireless	0018603027	Ohio	\$ 830.70	20
Meriwether Lewis Connect LLC	0027382639	Tennessee	\$ 1,183,627.40	290
MGW Networks, LLC	0019225366	Virginia	\$ 417,806.60	238
Mid-States Services, LLC	0018511303	Missouri	\$ 1,868,059.70	358
Midcontinent Communications	0002621951	Minnesota	\$ 27,977,283.80	7,410
Midcontinent Communications	0002621951	North Dakota	\$ 6,044,447.30	1,069
Midcontinent Communications	0002621951	South Dakota	\$ 4,880,610.90	892
Mountain West Technologies Corporation	0015643182	Wyoming	\$ 2,658,056.80	550
Mutual Telephone Company of Sioux Center, Iowa	0002594190	Iowa	\$ 627,920.00	191
NBVDS Investment, L.L.C.	0017194986	Oklahoma	\$ 2,776,942.30	667
NE Colorado Cellular, Inc.	0001607225	Colorado	\$ 2,769,082.50	731
NE Colorado Cellular, Inc.	0001607225	Kansas	\$ 87,660.00	20

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NE Colorado Cellular, Inc.	0001607225	Nebraska	\$ 240,989.00	56
Newmax, LLC dba Intermax Networks	0015656606	Idaho	\$ 9,396,421.30	7,129
Newmax, LLC dba Intermax Networks	0015656606	Washington	\$ 2,160,450.60	823
Northern Arapaho Tribal Industries	0020993077	Wyoming	\$ 4,070,664.30	849
Orange County REMC	0027353192	Indiana	\$ 10,200,496.30	4,046
Otelco, Inc.	0022623235	Massachusetts	\$ 921,505.00	772
Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative	0002644953	Minnesota	\$ 1,313,542.60	315
PC Telcorp, Inc.	0013350657	Colorado	\$ 387,303.00	33
Perry-Spencer Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	0003739208	Indiana	\$ 1,182,425.70	359
Pine Cellular Phones, Inc.	0012882643	Oklahoma	\$ 4,695,550.60	1,979
Plains internet, LLC	0025360173	New Mexico	\$ 2,582,772.40	509
Plains internet, LLC	0025360173	Oklahoma	\$ 1,770,537.00	3,194
Plains internet, LLC	0025360173	Texas	\$ 1,799,730.80	939
Red Spectrum Communications LLC	0025124421	Idaho	\$ 521,715.00	185
Redwire, Inc.	0027261940	Oklahoma	\$ 4,766,845.60	8,041
Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc.	0009568379	Minnesota	\$ 2,081,769.70	326
RTC Communications Corp	0020787412	Indiana	\$ 1,326,394.00	1,203



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Rural Electric Cooperative Consortium	0027352251	Arkansas	\$ 40,849,218.40	11,934
Rural Electric Cooperative Consortium	0027352251	Kentucky	\$ 412,623.60	119
Rural Electric Cooperative Consortium	0027352251	Michigan	\$ 6,214,667.80	2,743
Rural Electric Cooperative Consortium	0027352251	Missouri	\$ 46,569,407.40	17,214
Rural Electric Cooperative Consortium	0027352251	Oklahoma	\$ 36,843,580.30	14,876
Rural Electric Cooperative Consortium	0027352251	Oregon	\$ 3,475,833.50	533
Rural Electric Cooperative Consortium	0027352251	Tennessee	\$ 808,941.70	217
Rural Electric Cooperative Consortium	0027352251	Virginia	\$ 50,848,217.40	18,686
Shawnee Communications, Inc.	0003742954	Illinois	\$ 1,714,708.00	567
Sunset Digital Communications, Inc.	0010678001	Tennessee	\$ 5,595,554.80	2,095
Sunset Digital Communications, Inc.	0010678001	Virginia	\$ 23,979,452.60	6,998
SW DinehNet LLC	0014860530	New Mexico	\$ 2,038,737.50	869
SyncWave, LLC	0019974385	Michigan	\$ 24,844.30	21
Tombigbee Communications, LLC	0026359026	Alabama	\$ 1,691,878.60	279
Total Highspeed LLC	0017633405	Missouri	\$ 640,560.00	386
Townes Wireless, Inc.	0027368786	Kansas	\$ 190,097.60	20
Tri County Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.	0027336056	Pennsylvania	\$ 32,326,228.30	7,015
Tri County Telephone Association, Inc.	0003744463	Montana	\$ 4,012,941.40	1,256

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Tri County Telephone Association, Inc.	0003744463	Wyoming	\$ 3,004,236.10	1,930
Tri-County Electric Cooperative	0027154608	Michigan	\$ 117,784.10	106
Twin Valley Communications, Inc	0007573520	Kansas	\$ 45,610.00	9
Union Telephone Company	0001630201	Wyoming	\$ 5,437,562.00	1,468
Valley Communications Association, LLC	0026268516	Nevada	\$ 404,753.70	153
Velocity.Net Communications, Inc.	0015881154	Pennsylvania	\$ 230,016.00	39
Verizon Communications Inc.	0003257094	Delaware	\$ 148,089.50	22
Verizon Communications Inc.	0003257094	Maryland	\$ 3,058,921.30	1,194
Verizon Communications Inc.	0003257094	Massachusetts	\$ 948,305.20	305
Verizon Communications Inc.	0003257094	New Jersey	\$ 1,621,782.20	510
Verizon Communications Inc.	0003257094	Pennsylvania	\$ 1,687,283.80	709
Verizon Communications Inc.	0003257094	Rhode Island	\$ 475,302.70	165
Verizon Communications Inc.	0003257094	Virginia	\$ 1,537,248.90	456
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Alabama	\$ 3,692,934.50	9,075
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Arizona	\$ 129,558.80	354
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	California	\$ 13,918,361.80	18,795
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Colorado	\$ 7,231,181.10	6,517
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Florida	\$ 5,032,841.40	9,859



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Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Georgia	\$ 6,264,361.60	13,815
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Idaho	\$ 4,402,039.90	3,607
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Kentucky	\$ 1,673,144.50	4,169
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Louisiana	\$ 2,873,229.70	4,427
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Maine	\$ 4,713,986.30	4,098
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Mississippi	\$ 5,206,700.80	13,819
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Montana	\$ 5,180,535.70	5,342
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	New Mexico	\$ 3,132,667.20	3,268
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Oregon	\$ 10,254,463.50	9,946
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Pennsylvania	\$ 19,945,119.90	45,100
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Utah	\$ 3,119,687.30	2,995
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Washington	\$ 7,031,864.00	10,982
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	West Virginia	\$ 5,432,055.60	7,057
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Wisconsin	\$ 3,963,228.40	7,565
Viasat, Inc.	0004963088	Wyoming	\$ 9,301,914.50	9,805
Wabash Independent Networks, Inc.	0004327219	Illinois	\$ 669,461.60	359
West Central Telephone Association	0002645612	Minnesota	\$ 611,934.40	532
Westfield Gas & Electric Light Department	0010568673	Massachusetts	\$ 10,325,400.60	5,163



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Wikstrom Telephone Company	0004319372	Minnesota	\$ 532,556.80	56
Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation	0003718426	North Carolina	\$ 679,130.10	368
Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation	0003718426	Virginia	\$ 32,140,887.10	13,518
Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association	0002590057	Iowa	\$ 179,956.80	101
Wisper ISP, Inc	0016278970	Arkansas	\$ 399,565.60	102
Wisper ISP, Inc	0016278970	Illinois	\$ 35,079,137.70	8,907
Wisper ISP, Inc	0016278970	Indiana	\$ 123,648.00	14
Wisper ISP, Inc	0016278970	Kansas	\$ 1,607,524.30	414
Wisper ISP, Inc	0016278970	Missouri	\$ 176,319,409.30	68,269
Wisper ISP, Inc	0016278970	Oklahoma	\$ 6,790,089.80	2,443
Wood County Telephone Company d/b/a Solarus	0003744141	Wisconsin	\$ 81,919.80	15
WPS	0011653508	Oklahoma	\$ 324,009.10	954
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,488,329,864.30</b>	<b>713,176</b>



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State	Total Assigned Support over 10 Years	Number of Locations Assigned	Winning Bidders
Alabama	\$ 5,384,813.10	9,354	2
Arizona	\$ 28,400,478.30	7,285	3
Arkansas	\$ 51,988,093.70	16,048	5
California	\$ 149,026,913.20	51,682	5
Colorado	\$ 17,405,626.80	11,001	5
Connecticut	\$ 0.00	0	0
Delaware	\$ 1,336,400.20	1,343	2
District of Columbia	\$ 0.00	0	0
Florida	\$ 5,032,841.40	9,859	1
Georgia	\$ 6,264,361.60	13,815	1
Hawaii	\$ 18,160,637.80	3,936	1
Idaho	\$ 14,320,176.20	10,921	3
Illinois	\$ 99,729,909.30	32,124	9
Indiana	\$ 29,117,493.50	24,530	6
Iowa	\$ 54,287,717.00	16,759	7
Kansas	\$ 46,798,657.20	13,817	7
Kentucky	\$ 3,120,985.10	4,609	3
Louisiana	\$ 4,649,962.30	5,221	2
Maine	\$ 4,713,986.30	4,098	1



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Maryland	\$ 10,219,147.70	7,418	3
Massachusetts	\$ 13,388,287.70	6,644	4
Michigan	\$ 33,892,019.60	21,451	5
Minnesota	\$ 38,863,791.00	11,979	16
Mississippi	\$ 5,484,606.10	13,899	2
Missouri	\$ 254,773,117.90	95,130	11
Montana	\$ 9,193,477.10	6,598	2
Nebraska	\$ 41,117,139.40	8,900	4
Nevada	\$ 29,322,147.40	14,235	4
New Hampshire	\$ 0.00	0	0
New Jersey	\$ 1,621,782.20	510	1
New Mexico	\$ 26,232,782.90	12,452	5
North Carolina	\$ 679,130.10	368	1
North Dakota	\$ 7,226,602.30	1,603	2
Northern Mariana Islands	\$ 0.00	0	0
Ohio	\$ 13,186,434.40	6,420	3
Oklahoma	\$ 113,599,113.70	70,727	12
Oregon	\$ 13,730,297.00	10,479	2
Pennsylvania	\$ 56,831,060.90	54,812	5





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Rhode Island	\$ 475,302.70	165	1
South Carolina	\$ 233,490.00	80	1
South Dakota	\$ 5,086,428.60	927	2
Tennessee	\$ 8,457,337.40	3,290	5
Texas	\$ 82,420,436.20	35,933	4
Utah	\$ 6,330,098.50	3,817	2
Vermont	\$ 0.00	0	0
Virginia	\$ 108,923,612.60	39,896	5
Washington	\$ 19,943,507.20	16,644	4
West Virginia	\$ 11,997,199.30	7,962	3
Wisconsin	\$ 4,709,504.90	7,789	4
Wyoming	\$ 30,652,956.50	16,646	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,488,329,864.30</b>	<b>713,176</b>	

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**List of Washington Census Blocks where DNG is seeking ETC designation**

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530659501001006	WA	Stevens
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**Exhibit D**

**Officer Certification**

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VERIFICATION

I, Robert Nichols, am the chief executive officer of Declaration Networks Group, Inc. (the "Company"); that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Company; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I also hereby certify that the Company will comply with the service requirements applicable to the CAF II support that the Company receives.



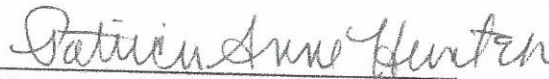
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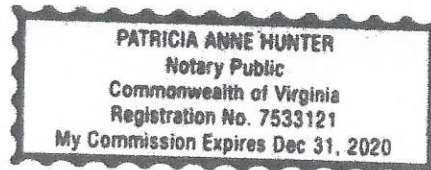
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 21st day of September, 2018

Robert Nichols



Notary Public

My commission expires 12/31/2020



**Exhibit E**

**Map of Service Area**

