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Via E-mail to ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov
Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, NE
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Re: Enhanced A-CAM Election Letter
Allband Communication Cooperative
PROVIDER ID: 106103

To Whom It May Concern:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of Allband Communications to formally advise the Federal Communications Commission of our decision to opt into the Enhanced Alternative Connect America Model (ACAM) program.

Allband Communication Cooperative (ACC), Provider ID 106103, hereby submits this letter to indicate that it will elect the Enhanced Alternative Connect America Model (Enhanced A-CAM) support in Study Area Code 48728 -in Curran, Michigan.

The Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) released a Public Notice instructing rate-of-return carriers electing EA-CAM to file a letter via email by September 29, 2023 confirming that it "elects the Enhanced A-CAM support amount as specified in Report 1.1 released on August 30, 2023, and commits to satisfy the specific service obligations associated with that amount of model support, including both the deployment of 100/20 Mbps or faster service to all required locations and the maintenance of 100/20 Mbps or faster service to currently served locations." Subsequent to the release of the Enhanced A-CAM Election PN, the Bureau released revised versions of the offers in updated reports entitled "Enhanced A-CAM – A-CAM 2.6.0 – Report Version 2, Report/Tables 2.1 through 2.5."

The Company hereby commits to satisfying the specific service obligations associated with that amount of model support that it is eligible to receive in Michigan, including both the deployment of 100/20 Mbps or faster service to all required locations and the maintenance of 100/20 Mbps or faster service to currently served locations. The location totals and specific service obligations for each type of location are specified in the Excel workbook entitled "Enhanced A-CAM – A-CAM 2.6.0 – Report Version 2, Report/Tables 2.1 through 2.5." The amount the Company



intends to elect are identified in Report/Table 2.1. According to the Enhanced A-CAM Order, the Bureau will determine the exact set of locations that must be served “based on the Fabric, the Broadband Data Collection, and further deduplication of enforceable commitments” and “may make adjustments, by no later than the end of 2025.” Accordingly, the commitment made above encompasses the exact set of locations and any adjustment in support that will ultimately be determined by the Bureau pursuant to this “true-up” process.

The Company hereby informs the Bureau of its intention to fulfill its Enhanced A-CAM deployment obligations by utilizing Fiber to the Home (FTTH) technology and possibly incorporating Wireless 5GHz Mimoso and/or Ubiquity technology.

At Allband Communications, we have always been committed to providing reliable and high-quality broadband services to the underserved and unserved areas within our coverage region. We firmly believe that broadband connectivity is essential for economic development, educational opportunities, and improving the overall quality of life for the residents in these areas.

After careful consideration and analysis, we have determined that participating in the Enhanced ACAM program aligns perfectly with our mission and strategic goals. This program not only offers the financial support needed to expand and enhance our broadband infrastructure but also provides the necessary resources to ensure the long-term sustainability and growth of our network. By opting into the Enhanced ACAM program, we can accelerate our efforts to bridge the digital divide and bring high-speed internet access to more homes and businesses in our service area.

We appreciate the FCC's continued commitment to promoting broadband deployment in rural and underserved areas. Your dedication to closing the digital divide and advancing connectivity opportunities for all Americans is commendable, and we are excited to partner with the FCC to achieve these shared objectives.

In the coming weeks, our team will work closely with the relevant FCC representatives to complete any additional necessary paperwork and fulfill all requirements for participation in the Enhanced ACAM program. We are fully committed to meeting all program obligations and timelines to ensure the successful deployment of broadband services to our target communities.

Once again, I would like to express our gratitude for the FCC's ongoing support and for creating programs like Enhanced ACAM that enable companies like ours to make a meaningful impact on the communities we serve. We look forward to collaborating with the FCC and other stakeholders to bring the benefits of broadband connectivity to even more households in our region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we anticipate a successful partnership with the FCC through the Enhanced ACAM program.



Please contact the undersigned with any questions on the Company's Enhanced A-CAM election described herein.

Sincerely,

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¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model Support Amounts Offered to Rate-of-Return Carriers to Expand Rural Broadband, WC Docket No. 10-90 (rel. Aug. 30, 2023), DA 23-779 (Enhanced A-CAM Election PN). The Enhanced A-CAM Election PN also requires electing carriers to identify in their election letters the technology or technologies they plan to use to meet their Enhanced A-CAM deployment obligations and those with "mixed support" should explicitly acknowledge that the election applies to both their A-CAM and CAF BLS study areas.

² Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Corrected Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model Support Offers for 82 Companies, WC Docket 10-90 (rel. Sept. 21, 2023) DA 23-835.

³ Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Universal Service Support; Connect America fund – Alaska Plan; Expanding Broadband Service Through the ACAM Program, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, 09-197, and 16-271; RM-1168, Report and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 23-60 at para. 34 (July 24, 2023) (Enhanced A-CAM Order).