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Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
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**Re: Enhanced A-CAM Election Letter
Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Provider ID 131611**

To Whom It May Concern:

Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Provider ID 131611, hereby submits this letter to indicate that it will elect the Enhanced Alternative Connect America Model (Enhanced A-CAM) support in Study Area Code 290565 in Kentucky and Tennessee.

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."¹

The Company hereby commits to satisfying the specific service obligations associated with that amount of model support that it is eligible to receive in Kentucky and Tennessee, 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 1", Report/Table 1.2 The Company hereby notifies the Bureau that it intends to use fiber to meet its Enhanced A-CAM deployment obligations.

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.



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

Signed,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. M. Packer", written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Corporate Officer

Chief Executive Officer & General Manager

Title

Contact phone # 423-628-2121

Highland Telephone Cooperative