

**NOTICE OF FILING REQUIREMENT AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR CAF II GRANT
WINNERS**

Issued: October 10, 2018

In the Matter of a Notice to Connect America Fund II (CAF II) Grant Winners

PUC Docket Number: P999/CI-18-634

Petition Filing Deadline: October 31, 2018

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) hereby notifies all CAF II Grant winners that petitions for ETC designation are due by October 31, 2018.

Broadband Corporation	Jaguar Communications
Consolidated Telephone	Johnson Telephone Company
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company	Midcontinent Communications
Federated Telephone Cooperative	Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Coop
Garden Valley Telephone Company-Coop	Roseau Electric Coop
Halstad Telephone Company	West Central Telephone
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Wikstrom Telephone Company
	LTD Broadband LLC

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes November 30, 2018 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes December 14, 2018 at 4:30pm

The Commission does not anticipate granting extensions of these deadlines due to the small amount of time available to address these proceedings.

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

- Issue:**
1. Should the Commission approve the requests for ETC Designation or update of ETC authority in Minnesota for purposes of applying CAF II funds in Minnesota?
 2. Should the Commission take any other actions in this matter?

Background:

The Commission has been informed that companies which have won the FCC Connect America Fund (CAF) II reverse auction for certain census blocks in Minnesota must have their requests for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) status, or necessary updates to existing ETC status, approved by February 25, 2019 in order to receive those funds.

Please reference Docket No. P999/CI-18-634 in your filing. Upon filing, each petitioner will be assigned a unique docket number.

Failure to submit a timely and complete petition by October 31, 2018 may result in the Commission being unable to determine the status of the petition before the February 25, 2019 deadline.

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling: mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

Submit Public Comments: Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!* to find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion or email your comments to consumer.puc@state.mn.us.

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Questions about this docket or Commission process and procedure? Contact Commission staff, Michael McCarthy, at michael.mccarthy@state.mn.us or 651-201-2208.

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