

## The Problem

- USF/ICC Reform Order is adopted November, 2011.
- Immediately cuts high-cost support for Alaskan rate-of-return ILECs and freezes support for CETCs.
- Reform has disproportionate effects in Alaska. By the end of 2015, HCLS/ICLS support was reduced by 21% from 2011 levels. Nationally, the average reduction is 2%.



# Chronology

- November, 2011: USF/ICC Reform Order triggers steep reductions in high cost support to Alaska.
- August, 2014: Chairman Wheeler and Commissioner O'Rielly tour Alaska and challenge industry for a solution.
- January, 2015: ATA member companies sign the Consensus Alaska Plan.
- ▶ February 2015 July 2016: Advocacy by ATA, rateof-return and wireless carriers.
- August 31, 2016: FCC releases Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopting the Alaska Plan with minor modifications.

## The Order

- Issued August 31, 2016
- Effective 30 days after publication in Federal Register
- \*Adopts an integrated plan to address both fixed and mobile voice and broadband service in high-cost areas of the state of Alaska,"
- Three sections: rate-of-return, mobile carriers, and a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking



# Support

- ILECs/Wireline: frozen support by company at 2011 levels of HCLS/ICLS for 10 years.
- CETCs/Mobile: frozen support by company at 2014 levels by for 10 years.
- Integrated plan restores ILECs to 2011 support levels and retargets support to remote areas.
- ▶ Total annual support: \$152M



## Three Paths for Alaskan Rate-of-Return ILECs

Alaska Plan

► A-CAM

Reformed Legacy

# Wireline Public Interest Obligations

- Voice and broadband
- Statewide election
- Speeds 10/1Mbps, 4/1 Mbps, 1Mbps/256kbps
- Latency 100 ms
- Usage 150GB
- Flexibility for backhaul limitations

# Wireline Broadband Improvements

- Deploys fixed broadband of at least 10/1 Mbps to 90% of locations in remote Alaska, up from 60%.
- Upgrades almost 70,000 locations to 25/3 Mbps.
- Reduces remote locations without 10/1 Mbps from 49,000 to less than 13,000.

# Wireless Broadband Improvements

- Deploys new 4G LTE or better service to more than 100,000 remote Alaska residents.
- Reduces remote Alaska population reliant on 2G by 60%.
- Creates a fund to bring mobile broadband to communities currently without wireless service.

# Appropriate Use of Funds

### Rate-of-return/Wireline

"...operating expenses and capital expenses for new deployment, upgrades, and maintenance of voice and broadband-capable networks...they are not limited to using the support only for last mile facilities...support will be provided for the entire network." Para. 34.

### CETC/Mobile

• "operating expenses and capital expenses for new deployment, upgrades, and maintenance of mobile voice and broadband-capable networks, including middle-mile improvements needed to those ends." Para. 81.

### Support for middle mile

Appropriate use of support for middle-mile improvements includes the use of support to build or upgrade middle mile that lays outside a participating competitive ETC's service area but that is necessary for service in that carrier's service area." Footnote 166.



# Wireline Accountability

- Wireline location reporting via geocode for new and upgraded broadband service.
- Annual Form 481 and RCA ETC certifications.
- Year 4 update of performance plans in light of middle mile developments.
- Middle mile monitoring via maps for new deployment.
- New middle mile triggers obligation to re-evaluate performance plans.
- Retention of documentation of support spent on capex and opex for companies limited to satellite backhaul and biennial review.
- Penalties for non-performance.



# Wireless Accountability

- Wireless Form 477 biannually.
- Drive tests above \$5M threshold to report population served.
- Annual Form 481 and RCA ETC certifications.
- ▶ 4-year review for middle mile developments.
- Middle mile monitoring.
- Wireless competitive overlap analysis at Year 5.
- Retain documentation of support spent on opex and capex.
- Penalties for non-performance.



# Implementation

- > 30-day window to revise plan or opt out.
- Bureau issues public notice approving plans.
- Company officer submits letter certifying plan.
- Wireline company exits NECA common line pool, refiles special access tariff.
- Funding begins Jan. 1, 2017
- WCB conducts challenge process for wireline carriers.



# Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

- "...the Commission's policy has been to eliminate the provision of high-cost support to more than one competitive ETC in the same geographic area." Para. 107
- ▶ How to, "eliminate duplicative support levels in the second half of the 10-year term of the Plan"? Para. 107
- Proposes overlapping funding be moved to other areas in Alaska.
- Proposes carriers amend performance plans in the event of overlap.
- Comments due in 60 days and Reply in 30 days from effective date of the Order.



# Signatories

### All rate-of-return ILECs.

Adak Eagle Enterprises, Alaska Telephone Company, Bettles Telephone, North Country Telephone, Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative, Bush-Tell, Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Cordova Telephone Cooperative, Interior Telephone, Mukluk Telephone, Ketchikan Public Utilities, Matanuska Telephone Association, Nushagak Cooperative, OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Summit Telephone Company, United Utilities, Yukon Telephone Company.

## • All competitive ETCs.

ASTAC Wireless, Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership, Copper Valley Wireless, Cordova Wireless, GCI, TelAlaska Cellular, MTA Wireless, OTZ Wireless, Windy City Wireless.



## Questions?

Christine O'Connor
Executive Director
oconnor@alaskatel.org
(907) 563-4000

Alaska Telephone Association 201 E. 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 114 Anchorage, AK 99518

#### Schedule 1

High-Cost Disbursements in Alaska in 2015 (for rate-of-return	ILECs) and 2014 (CETCs)
Rate-of-Return ILECs (2015 levels)	45,893,141
Adak Telephone Utility (2015 levels annualized post-order)	617,678
Remote CETCs (2014 levels)	77,844,072
Windy City Cellular (2015 levels annualized post-order)	132,900
Non-remote CETCs (2014 levels)	27,350,796
Total Annual Amount of	

\$151,838,587 Frozen Alaska Plan Support

#### Schedule 2

<b>High-Cost Disbursements</b>	Assuming All Eligible Carrie	ers Participate in Alaska Plan
ingi cost bisbarsements		or or ar erespace in rinasina r iair

	year 1	year 2	years 3 through 10
Rate-of-Return ILECs (2011 levels)	55,124,882	55,124,882	55,124,882
Adak Telephone Utility (no change)	617,678	617,678	617,678
Remote CETCs (2014, without Matanuska-Kenai due to overlap)	73,804,608	73,804,608	73,804,608
Windy City Cellular (no change)	132,900	132,900	132,900
Non-Remote CETCs (transition support)	18,233,864	9,116,932	0
Available for reverse auction for wireless unserved	3,924,655	13,041,587	22,158,519
Total Annual Amount of	¢151 020 507	¢151 020 507	¢151 020 507
Frozen Alaska Plan Support	\$151,838,587	\$151,838,587	\$151,838,587

Total amount available for reverse auction for wireless unserved over 10 years = \$194,234,392

#### Dotail Schodulos

<b>Detail Schedules</b>							
Schedule 3				2011	2012		Adjusted
ILEC ETC Support		2011	2011	Total	Corp Ops	\$250 Cap	<b>2011 ILEC</b>
	SAC	ICLS	HCLS	Disbursed	Limit	Limit	Support
Alaska Telephone Company	613017	1,631,148	762,552	2,393,700	-		2,393,700
Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative	613001	1,648,254	1,470,240	3,118,494	24,831		3,093,663
Bettles	613002	23,748	192	23,940			23,940
Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative, Inc	613003	447,072	641,832	1,088,904	5,343		1,083,561
Bush-Tell, Inc.	613004	314,388	404,010	718,398	-		718,398
Circle	613005	25,386	15,168	40,554			40,554
Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	613006	2,943,522	7,992,186	10,935,708	187,722		10,747,986
Cordova Telephone Cooperative	613007	957,342	1,407,732	2,365,074	69,000		2,296,074
Interior Telephone Company, Inc.	613011	2,057,010	1,940,988	3,997,998	30,618		3,967,380
Ketchikan Public Utilities	613013	2,092,770	2,230,608	4,323,378	6,139		4,317,239
Matanuska Telephone Association	613015	8,423,004	9,191,016	17,614,020	559,355		17,054,665
Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc.	613016	823,596	555,318	1,378,914	10,194		1,368,720
North Country Tel	613026	49,626	33,801	83,427	-		83,427
Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	613018	637,692	942,564	1,580,256	4,180		1,576,076
OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc	613019	1,022,778	1,085,262	2,108,040	58,392		2,049,648
Summit Telephone Company	613028	335,820	570,804	906,624	-	154,013	752,611
United Utilities	613023	2,251,032	1,137,207	3,388,239	42,784		3,345,455
Yukon Telephone Company, Inc.	613025	171,048	40,737	211,785	-	_	211,785
Total ILEC Support						-	\$55,124,882

Total	<b>ILEC Support</b>

	2014	2014			2014	<b>\</b>
SAC			1.00	CNIA		
				SNA		
	,	•				
619008	688,272	790,572	418,872		1,897,716	
619006	2,523,696	5,420,028	576,900	115,452	8,636,076	
619007	1,284,264	1,839,564	602,544	36,048	3,762,420	
619011	801,972	800,988	802,236	46,860	2,452,056	
619013	321,564	227,796	284,508		833,868	
619014	15,269,016	11,448,624	6,823,992	138,036	33,679,668	
619001	2,920,824	2,449,668	799,776	57,132	6,227,400	
619005	7,610,856	6,527,136	1,166,544	97,524	15,402,060	
						\$73,804,60
					27,350,796	
619003	2.040.252	1.849.365	149.847	_		
	, = -, = =	, = = = , = = =	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			
				-	(: , = =,: = =)	\$22,158,51
	619007 619011 619013 619014 619001	619010 410,580 619008 688,272 619006 2,523,696 619007 1,284,264 619011 801,972 619013 321,564 619014 15,269,016 619001 2,920,824 619005 7,610,856	SAC         ICLS         HCLS           619010         410,580         254,292           619008         688,272         790,572           619006         2,523,696         5,420,028           619007         1,284,264         1,839,564           619011         801,972         800,988           619013         321,564         227,796           619014         15,269,016         11,448,624           619001         2,920,824         2,449,668           619005         7,610,856         6,527,136	SAC         ICLS         HCLS         LSS           619010         410,580         254,292         248,472           619008         688,272         790,572         418,872           619006         2,523,696         5,420,028         576,900           619007         1,284,264         1,839,564         602,544           619011         801,972         800,988         802,236           619013         321,564         227,796         284,508           619014         15,269,016         11,448,624         6,823,992           619001         2,920,824         2,449,668         799,776           619005         7,610,856         6,527,136         1,166,544	SAC         ICLS         HCLS         LSS         SNA           619010         410,580         254,292         248,472         619008         688,272         790,572         418,872         619006         2,523,696         5,420,028         576,900         115,452         619007         1,284,264         1,839,564         602,544         36,048         619011         801,972         800,988         802,236         46,860         619013         321,564         227,796         284,508         619014         15,269,016         11,448,624         6,823,992         138,036         619001         2,920,824         2,449,668         799,776         57,132         619005         7,610,856         6,527,136         1,166,544         97,524	SAC         ICLS         HCLS         LSS         SNA         Total           619010         410,580         254,292         248,472         913,344           619008         688,272         790,572         418,872         1,897,716           619006         2,523,696         5,420,028         576,900         115,452         8,636,076           619007         1,284,264         1,839,564         602,544         36,048         3,762,420           619011         801,972         800,988         802,236         46,860         2,452,056           619013         321,564         227,796         284,508         833,868           619014         15,269,016         11,448,624         6,823,992         138,036         33,679,668           619001         2,920,824         2,449,668         799,776         57,132         6,227,400           619005         7,610,856         6,527,136         1,166,544         97,524         15,402,060

WT Docket No. 10-208

Adak Telephone Utility Windy City Cellular\*

Total Disbursed per WT Docket No. 10-208

\*Annualize March 2015 Disbursements to estimate support level resulting from WT Docket No. 10-208

\*Re-targeted to remote areas due to overlap by 4G LTE

				2012		Total
				Corp Ops	\$250 Cap	
SAC	ICLS	HCLS	LSS	Limit	Limit	
610989	927,528	1,191,737		338,887	1,162,700	617,678
619012	41,916	67,140	23,844			132,900
						\$750,578

**Alaska Telephone Association** May 6, 2016

### Alaska Infrastructure Fund Universal Service Support Schedules

#### Schedule 6 - Frozen Non-Remote CETC Support

Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. - AK-NR
Alaska Digitel LLC -CL -AK-NR
Unicom, Inc. -CL -AK-NR
GCI Communications Corp. -CL -AK-NR
Mantanuska-Kenai, Inc. -CL -AK-NR
Alaska Communications System Holding, Inc. -CL -AK-NR
GCI Communications Corp. -AK-NR

**Total Frozen Non-Remote CETC Support** 

SAC	2014 FHCS
989001	15,775,716
989002	-
989003	-
989004	4,891,680
989005	288,576
989006	3,982,848
989007	2,411,976
_	\$27,350,796

#### Total Trozen Non Remote CETC Su

Schedule 7
Change in ILEC ICLS/HCLS Support
2011 - 2015

Alaska Telephone Company Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative **Bettles** Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative, Inc Bush-Tell, Inc. Circle Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Cordova Telephone Cooperative Interior Telephone Company, Inc. Ketchikan Public Utilities Matanuska Telephone Association Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc. North Country Tel Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative, Inc. OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc **Summit Telephone Company United Utilities** 

Yukon Telephone Company, Inc. **Totat ILEC Decrease 2011-2015** 

SAC	Adjusted 2011 ILEC Support	2015 Total Disbursed ICLS/HCLS	<b>Decrease</b> 2011-2015
613017	2,393,700	1,309,082	(1,084,618)
613001	3,093,663	2,928,822	(164,841
613002	23,940	25,506	1,566
613003	1,083,561	1,056,835	(26,726)
613004	718,398	493,712	(224,686)
613005	40,554	34,229	(6,325)
613006	10,747,986	10,653,695	(94,291)
613007	2,296,074	2,833,440	537,366
613011	3,967,380	2,585,552	(1,381,828)
613013	4,317,239	4,280,577	(36,662
613015	17,054,665	9,514,169	(7,540,496
613016	1,368,720	1,041,952	(326,768
613026	83,427	72,761	(10,666)
613018	1,576,076	1,135,857	(440,219)
613019	2,049,648	2,103,960	54,312
613028	752,611	729,496	(23,115
613023	3,345,455	4,970,700	1,625,245
613025	211,785	122,796	(88,989
_	\$ 55,124,882	\$ 45,893,141	-\$9,231,741

Alaska Telephone Association May 6, 2016

### **Rate of Return ILEC Summary of Broadband Improvements**

						_	
		Locations	s At	Locati	ons At	Locati	ons At
Speed to End User		Benchma	rk	Bench	mark	Bench	mark
Note 1		12/31/20	15	Yea	r 5	Year	10
1Mb/256k		8,017	6%	5,529	4%	5,971	5%
4Mb/1Mb		16,907	14%	11,489	9%	6,135	5%
10Mb/1Mb		66,281	53%	35,100	28%	33,787	27%
25Mb/3Mb		8,823	7%	62,936	51%	77,516	62%
<b>Total Remote Locations</b>		124,166		124,166		124,166	
Locations Which Can Receive 10Mbps/1Mbps or Above		75,104		98,036		111,302	
Unserved at any Benchmark		24,138		9,112		758	
Unserved at 10Mbps/1Mbps		49,062		26,130		12,864	
Total Rate of Return ILEC Remote Locations Total Rate of Return ILEC	ф	124,166					
Support Cost Per Covered Location	\$ \$	55,742,560 449					
Cool of Colored Booking	Ψ	117					

Note 1: Residential speeds. Note 2: Year 1 is 2017

#### **Adak Telephone Utility**

	Note 1	Note 2			
		Locations	<b>Locations At</b>	<b>Locations At</b>	<b>Locations At</b>
		Passed	Benchmark	Benchmark	Benchmark
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	Year 5	Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k	346	100%	100%	100%
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb				

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

10Mb/1Mb

25Mb/3Mb

Note 3: Year 1 is 2017

Microwave

Fiber

#### **Alaska Telephone Company**

	Note 1	Note 2			
		Locations Passed	Locations At Benchmark	Locations At Benchmark	Locations At Benchmark
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	Year 5	Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k	134	0%	0%	0%
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb	8,227	29%	24%	18%
Microwave	10Mb/1Mb	8,227	60%	70%	80%
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb	-			

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

Note 3: Year 1 is 2017

The Eagle wire center is capable of meeting the minimum broadband speed with its local loop plant and can meet the minimum speeds of 4MB/1MB in its plant. However middle mile and second mile transport limits any broadband deployment.

#### **Arctic Slope Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

Note 1 Note 2

Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	Locations Passed 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark Year 5	Locations At Benchmark Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k	2,509	100%	15%	15%
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb	206	100%		
Fiber*	10Mb/1Mb			85%	
Fiber*	25Mb/3Mb				85%

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

<sup>\*</sup>Broadband speed projections are forecast at the five and ten year periods knowing that current fiber technology allows for increased capacity over the existing fiber by upgrading electronics, making the asset scalable to market demand. We speculatively forecast that there will be some level of price reduction for bandwidth on the fiber at the five and ten year periods, as the 100% privately financed fiber becomes monetized for the investors, usage demand increases and there may be an alternative future competitor that puts downward pressure on pricing.

#### Bettles Telephone, Inc.

	Note 1	Note 2			
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	Locations Passed 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark Year 5	Locations At Benchmark Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k	220	0%	0%	0%
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb				

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

Note 3: Year 1 is 2017

Each wire center is capable of meeting the minimum broadband speed with its local loop plant. Bettles can meet the minimum speeds of 4MB/1MB in its plant. However middle mile and second mile transport limits any broadband deployment.

#### **Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative**

Note 1 Note 2

Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	Locations Passed 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark Year 5	Locations At Benchmark Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k				
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb	997	99%	99%	100%
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb				

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

Note 3: Year 1 is 2017

Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative's last mile network is capable of delivering higher broadband speeds but is limited by the middle mile network. We continue to upgrade our last mile network with fiber deployment and are prepared to offer higher speeds to end users when middle mile availability permits.

#### Bush-Tell, Inc.

	Note 1	Note 2			
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	Locations Passed 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark Year 5	Locations At Benchmark Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k				
Microwave	6Mb/1Mb	1,109	83%	83%	83%
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb				

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

Note 3: Year 1 is 2017

Bush-Tell Inc's last mile network is capable of delivering higher broadband speeds but is limited by the middle mile network. We will continue to upgrade our last mile network with fiber deployment and are prepared to offer higher speeds to end users when middle mile availability permits.

Bush-Tell will start deploying fiber farther into the network to decrease loop lengths. Bush-Tell's largest comunity will be deployed first which will take approximately 5 years to complete. Once this buildout is completed we will start deploying fiber throughout the rest of our service area. This fiber buildout will allow Bus-Tell to easily deploy fiber to the premise in the future and will also place Bush-Tell in a position to provide faster broadband offerings as middle mile rates and availability improve.

Bush-Tell will continue to investivate alternative options to access middle mile as they become available.

#### Circle Telephone & Electric, LLC

	Note 1	Note 2			
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	Locations Passed 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark Year 5	Locations At Benchmark Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k	40	0%	0%	0%
<b>Hybrid Microwave-Fiber</b>	4Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb				

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

Note 3: Year 1 is 2017.

Circle Telephone & Electric, LLC's wire center does not have the facilities in place to provide broadband services. CTE has no terrestrial backhaul. The nearest terrestrial backhaul is located 155 miles away. The cost of satellite backhaul is too great for the small community to bear. CTE does not plan to to develop or purchase middle mile transport or to deploy broadband until the cost of those facilities changes significantly.

#### **Copper Valley Telephone**

	Note 1	Note 2			
		Locations	<b>Locations At</b>	<b>Locations At</b>	Locations At
		Passed	Benchmark	Benchmark	Benchmark
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	Year 5	Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k				
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb	4,097	90.60%	30%	8%
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb	4,097	0%	68%	90%

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

### **Cordova Telephone Cooperative**

Note 1	Note 2
INDICI	NUIC 2

Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	Locations Passed 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark Year 5	Locations At Benchmark Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k				
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb	850	100%	100%	100%

Note 1: Residential speeds

Note 2: Locations passed in ETC's network as of 12/31/15

### **Interior Telephone Company**

	Note 1	Note 2			
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	Locations Passed 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark Year 5	Locations At Benchmark Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k	2,518	95%	95%	98%
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb	-	0%	0%	0%
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb	2,835	0%	57%	51%
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb	1	0%	23%	47%

Note 1: Residential speeds

Note 2: Base locations in ETC's study area as of 12/31/2015.

#### **KPU**

	Note 1	Note 2			
		Locations	<b>Locations At</b>	<b>Locations At</b>	<b>Locations At</b>
		Passed	Benchmark	Benchmark	Benchmark
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	Year 5	Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k				
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb	9,606	7%	4%	1%
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb	9,606	83%	92%	98%

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

Note 3: Year 1 is 2017

While KPU has significant investment in fiber to the curb, the majority of locations are served with copper to the premise and will need to be upgraded at significant cost. Over the term of the Alaska Infrastructure Fund, KPU will install fiber to the premise to support increased bandwidth needs for our customers.

### **Matanuska Telephone Association**

Note 1 Note 2

Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	Locations Passed 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark Year 5	Locations At Benchmark Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k				
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb	73,027	78%	26%	20%
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb	73,027	0%	66%	78%

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

### **Mukluk Telephone Company**

	Note 1	Note 2		Note 4		
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	Locations Passed 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark 12/31/2015	Locations Passed Year 5	Locations At Benchmark Year 5	Locations At Benchmark Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k	2,628	95%	1,125	91%	95%
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb					
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb			1,503	39%	32%
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb				21%	43%

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Base Locations in ETC's study area as of 12/31/15.

Note 3: Year 1 is 2017

Note 4: 1,503 Base Locations to migrate to Fiber by Year 5 Benchmark

#### **North Country Telephone**

	Note 1	Note 2			
	Speed to End	Locations Passed	Locations At Benchmark	Locations At Benchmark	Locations At Benchmark
Middle Mile Facility	User	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	Year 5	Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k	192	0%	0%	0%
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb				
Microwave	10Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb				

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

Note 3: Year 1 is 2017

The Eagle wire center is capable of meeting the minimum broadband speed with its local loop plant and can meet the minimum speeds of 4MB/1MB in its plant. However middle mile and second mile transport limits any broadband deployment.

### **Nushagak Telephone Cooperative**

	Note 1	Note 2			
		Locations	Locations At	<b>Locations At</b>	Locations At
		Passed	Benchmark	<b>Benchmark</b>	Benchmark
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	Year 5	Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k				
Microwave	6Mb/1Mb	1,217	83%	95%	99%
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb				
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb				

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.

#### **OTZ Performance Obligations**

Note	1	N	oto	e i	2

		Locations	Locations at	Locations at	Locations at
		Passed	Benchmark	Benchmark	Benchmark
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	Year 5	Year 10
Satellite - Note 4	1Mb/256k	2,776	0%	0%	0%
Satellite - Note 4	4Mb/1Mb	2,776	100%	75%	55%
Fiber	10Mb/1Mb	2,776	-	0%	0%
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb	2,776	-	25%	45%

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations in ETC's network as of 12/31/15.

Note 3: Due to high cost of middle mile transport, broadband speeds are not affordable to most of OTZ's customers.

Note 4: Year 1 is the year fundiing under the AIF begins

OTZ Telephone Cooperative's last mile network as of 12/31/2015 is capable of delivering broadband speeds of 4Mb/1Mb and OTZ currently has a 6Mb/1Mb package available to customers. However, Due to the high cost of middle mile transport, both the 4Mb/1 and 6Mb/1Mb package are beyond the financial reach of most residential customers.

OTZ Telephone Cooperative is committed to offering the best possible communication service to its members and will continue to upgrade the last mile network, by replacing aging copper plant with fiber and upgrading core electronics to support fiber to the home.

OTZ plans on replacing all aging Dslams with VDSL capable Dslams.

For multi family dwellings (larger apartment building) OTZ plans to install fiber fed VDSL Dslams in the apartment buildings communication room. With this model OTZ will be able to mitigate the negative impact of category 3 wiring that is embedded in older apartment buildings.

### **United Utilities - Yukon Telephone**

	Note 1	Note 2			
Middle Mile Facility	Speed to End User	Locations Passed 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark 12/31/2015	Locations At Benchmark Year 5	Locations At Benchmark Year 10
Satellite	1Mb/256k	1,687	37%	100%	100%
Microwave	4Mb/1Mb	8,621	100%	50%	0%
Microwave	10Mb/1Mb	8,621	0%	50%	100%
Fiber	25Mb/3Mb	324	0%	100%	100%

Note 1: Residential speeds.

Note 2: Locations passed in ILEC's network as of 12/31/2015.