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ITTA STATEMENT ON ADOPTION OF A-CAM BDS NPRM

(Washington, DC) The following statement was released today by ITTA - The Voice of America's Broadband Providers:

ITTA welcomes the decision by the Federal Communications Commission today to initiate a rulemaking in response to the petition filed by ITTA and USTelecom proposing to allow rural rate-of-return carriers receiving fixed universal service support, including under the Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM), to elect incentive regulation for their business data services (BDS) offerings.

Legacy regulations impose unnecessary and burdensome costs on fixed support carriers and preclude them from offering beneficial rates and terms to their BDS customers. The decision to allow replacement of those outdated rules with incentive regulation would further the Commission's goals to reduce unnecessary regulations while promoting competition and investment. ITTA looks forward to working with the Commission to adopt an order that provides for the regulatory flexibility requested in the ITTA/USTelecom petition.

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