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June 4, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL¹

Telecommunications Access Policy Division
Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: OEConnect, LLC
Connect America Fund Phase II New York Long-Form
Application**

Dear Telecommunications Access Policy Division Staff:

On behalf of OEConnect, LLC (“OEConnect” or the “Company”), a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc., enclosed is a redacted public version of OEConnect’s FCC Form 5625,² Connect America Phase II New York, Long-Form Application submitted by OEConnect (“OEConnect Application” or “Application”) pursuant to the *New York Auction Waiver Order*.³ The enclosed Application has been marked “**PUBLIC REFERENCE COPY.**”

¹ As required, both this redacted public version and the confidential version of OEConnect’s FCC Form 5625 application have been filed, via e-mail, to ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov, with the FCC before 6:00 p.m. (ET) on the date of this letter.

² FCC Form 5625 Main Form, Connect America Phase II New York, *Long-Form Application—Main Form*, OMB Approval 3060-1241 (Feb. 2018) (“FCC Form 5625”).

³ *Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, Order, 32 FCC Rcd 968, 991 (para. 62) (2017) (“*New York Auction Waiver Order*”), cited in Wireline Competition Bureau Announces FCC Deadlines for New York Broadband Program Winning Bidders, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 18-510 (May 18, 2018) (“*Public Notice*”). The Commission has indicated that “information requested by this form [*i.e.*, FCC Form 5625] will be available for public inspection.” *Instructions for FCC Form 5625, Connect America Phase II New York, Long-Form Application*, OMB Control No. 3060-1241 (Feb. 2018), at 6, cited in *Public Notice*.

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OEConnect is also submitting to the Commission, via electronic mail to ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov, a confidential version of the OEConnect Application. The confidential version has been marked “**CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.**”

Please contact the undersigned if any questions arise concerning the above-referenced enclosure or if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

**Connect America Phase II New York
Long-Form Application—Main Form**

Read instructions thoroughly before completing this form. Failure to comply may cause delayed or denied funding.

1 Date Submitted: June 4, 2018

Applicant Information

2 Applicant Legal Classification

<input type="radio"/> Consortium	<input type="radio"/> Limited Liability Partnership
<input type="radio"/> Corporation	<input type="radio"/> Limited Partnership
<input type="radio"/> General Partnership	<input type="radio"/> Trust
<input type="radio"/> Government Entity	<input type="radio"/> Unincorporated Association
<input type="radio"/> Individual	<input type="radio"/> Other: _____
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Limited Liability Company	

3 Entity Name: OEConnect, LLC

4 FCC Registration Number (FRN): 0027468826

5 Jurisdiction of Formation: New York

6 Address Line 1: P.O. Box 128

7 Address Line 2: 3192 County Hwy. 11

8 City: Hartwick	9 State: New York	10 Zip Code: 13348
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11 Phone: (607) 293-6622	12 Email: tim.johnson@otsegoec.coop
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Contact Information

13 Name: Timothy R. Johnson

14 Organization: OEConnect, LLC

15 Address Line 1: P.O. Box 128

16 Address Line 2: 3192 County Hwy. 11

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Ownership Information

For each Disclosable Interest Holder, complete and attach a Schedule A. If there are any Disclosable Interest Holders with indirect ownership of the applicant, attach a separate exhibit showing the relationship between those Disclosable Interest Holders and the applicant. If there is insufficient space to provide complete lists of Disclosable Interest Holders and FCC-Regulated Businesses below, provide those lists in attachments to this form. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.2112(a).

22 Disclosable Interest Holders

Name	Type of Entity	FRN	Percent Interest Held
Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Electric Cooperative Corp.	0003434768	100% (Direct)
Gary Potter	Individual/Director	0027579648	0%
Charles Arnold	Individual/Director	0027579663	0%
Steven Child	Individual/Director	0027579697	0%
Wendell Saunders	Individual/Director	0027579739	0%
Frederick Braun	Individual/Director	0027579754	0%
Edward Clarke	Individual/Director	0027579788	0%
Timothy R. Johnson	Individual/CEO	0027582303	0%

23 FCC-Regulated Businesses (Held by Applicant)

Name	Principal Business	FRN	Percent Interest Held

Required Attachments

24 ETC Designation

Is the applicant designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC)?

- Yes, the applicant has already been designated as an ETC in the areas where it is seeking Connect America Phase II support. The relevant designation order is attached to this application.
- No, the applicant has not been designated as an ETC in the areas where it is seeking Connect America support. The applicant is in the process of applying for ETC designation in the relevant areas and will submit the designation order and accompanying certification to the Commission upon being designated as an ETC.

24 Construction Funding Documentation

In an exhibit attached to this form, describe how the required construction will be funded, including financial projections that demonstrate the applicant's ability to cover the necessary debt service payments over the life of the loan, if any.

25 Network Design Documentation

In an exhibit attached to this form, describe how the technology and system design the applicant intends to use will deliver voice and broadband service, including a network diagram which must be certified by a professional engineer. The professional engineer must certify that the network is capable of delivering, to at least 95 percent of the required number of locations in each relevant state, voice and broadband service that meets the requisite performance requirements. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.309. There must be sufficient capacity to meet customer demand at or above the prescribed levels during peak usage periods. Entities proposing to use wireless technologies also must provide a description of their spectrum access in the areas for which they seek support and demonstrate that they have the required licenses to use that spectrum, if applicable.

Audited Financial Statements

26 Is the applicant providing three years of audited financial statements to New York for participation in the New NY Broadband program? Applicants that are not providing three years of audited financial statements to New York must, in addition to submitting other information to New York, submit financial statements from the prior fiscal year that are audited by a certified public accountant before they will be authorized to receive Connect America Phase II support no later than 180 days after the public notice identifying them as winning bidders.

- Yes
- No

Certifications

By signing below, the authorized officer certifies the following statements on behalf of the applicant.

The applicant certifies that it is financially and technically qualified to meet the public interest obligations in each area for which it seeks support.

The applicant certifies that it will meet the relevant public interest obligations, including the requirement that it will offer service at rates that are equal to or lower than the Commission's reasonable comparability benchmarks for fixed wireline services offered in urban areas.

The applicant certifies that it will have available funds for all project costs that exceed the amount of Connect America support authorized by the Commission to be received for the first two years of its support term and that the applicant will comply with all program requirements.

The applicant certifies that it and any party to the application are not subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

The applicant certifies that the party submitting these certifications is authorized to do so on behalf of the applicant.

I, the individual identified as the applicant's certifying representative below, declare under penalty of perjury that, based on all the information available to the applicant, all the information provided in or with this application, including the certification statements above, are true and correct.

27 Signature: 

28 Date: 6/1/2018

29 Printed Name of Authorized Officer: Timothy R. Johnson

30 Title/Position of Authorized Officer: CEO

31 Phone: (607) 293-6622

32 Email: tim.johnson@otsego.coop

33 Employer: OEConnect, LLC

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.

FCC NOTICE FOR INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

Part 3 of the Commission's Rules authorize the FCC to request the information on this form. The purpose of the information is to determine whether applicants can meet the terms and conditions of Connect America Phase II support. The information will be used by the Universal Service Administrative Company and/or the staff of the Federal Communications Commission, to evaluate this form, to provide information for enforcement and rulemaking proceedings and to maintain a current inventory of applicants. No authorization can be granted unless all information requested is provided. Failure to provide all requested information will delay the processing of the application or result in the application being returned without action. Information requested by this form will be available for public inspection. Your response is required to obtain the requested authorization.

The public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the required data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have any comments on this burden estimate, or how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write to the Federal Communications Commission, AMD-PERM, Paperwork Reduction Act Project (3060-1241), Washington, DC 20554. We will also accept your comments regarding the Paperwork Reduction Act aspects of this collection via the Internet if you send them to pra@fcc.gov. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS ADDRESS.

Remember - You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number or if we fail to provide you with this notice. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-1241.

THE FOREGOING NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974, PUBLIC LAW 93-579, DECEMBER 31, 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) AND THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995, PUBLIC LAW 104-13, OCTOBER 1, 1995, 44 U.S.C. SECTION 3507.

OEConnect, LLC

FRN 0027468826

FCC Form 5625 – Connect America Phase II New York

Long-Form Application

**THE FOLLOWING EXHIBITS ARE WITHHELD FROM THE REDACTED COPY
OF THE LONG-FORM APPLICATION THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC
INSPECTION BECAUSE OECONNECT, LLC, HAS REQUESTED
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION IN SUCH EXHIBITS**

All Exhibits in Response to Sections 24 and 25 of FCC Form 5625