



March 9, 2018

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, March 8, 2018, the undersigned, on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) spoke via telephone with Nicholas Degani and Jay Schwarz from the office of Chairman Ajit Pai regarding matters in the above-referenced proceeding. The conversation was consistent with prior advocacy regarding the need for bright-line, carefully tailored guidance with respect to eligible cost recovery going forward. *See Ex Parte* Letters from NTCA and WTA-Advocates for Rural Broadband, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Dec. 20, 2017 and Feb. 23, 2018). Shirley Bloomfield, Chief Executive Officer of NTCA, spoke the same day via telephone with Mr. Degani with respect to the same subject matter.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano

Michael R. Romano
Senior Vice President –
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cc: Nicholas Degani
Jay Schwarz