



September 30, 2022

***Ex Parte Notice***

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket No. 14-58; Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 09-197; Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan, WC Docket No. 16-271; Expanding Broadband Service Through the A-CAM Program, RM-11868***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) spoke with Priscilla Delgado Argeris, chief legal advisor to Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, regarding matters in the above-referenced proceedings. In particular, NTCA urged the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) to proceed with updates to both the Alternative Connect America Model (“A-CAM”) and Connect America Fund-Broadband Loop Support (“CAF-BLS”) mechanisms. I explained how the record supports moving forward to address reforms of both mechanisms, and I highlighted specifically how key deadlines are approaching for re-examination of the CAF-BLS budget and service level commitments. I observed that tackling these two issues now in coordination with A-CAM reforms, rather than waiting several months to address these issues in sequence, would be far more effective and efficient for all involved (including the Commission itself), particularly given pending proposals to have increased service level commitments mirror one another across programs to the greatest extent possible for the benefit of rural consumers.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael Romano

Michael Romano  
Executive Vice President

cc: Priscilla Delgado Argeris