



December 13, 2022

***Ex Parte Notice***

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

**RE: *Report on the Future of Universal Service, WC Docket No. 21-476; Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter, NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) submits into the record of the above-referenced proceedings a report prepared by Drs. Michael A. Williams and Wei Zhao from Berkeley Research Group. The enclosed report provides an updated analysis of the elasticity of demand for broadband subscriptions and responds to filings submitted by two parties commenting on a prior report submitted by NTCA regarding this same subject matter. This new report reinforces based upon a robust data-driven review of updated figures, prior consumer surveys, and relevant economic literature that “modifying the USF contribution methodology to include both voice and broadband connections within the contribution base would not have a material impact on broadband adoption or retention.”

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