



February 2, 2016

Ex Parte

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, January 29, 2016, Shirley Bloomfield (NTCA) and I met with Chairman Wheeler, Commissioner O’Rielly and Rebekah Goodheart (Commissioner Clyburn’s Legal Advisor) to discuss reform of USF support in areas served by rural companies. We discussed our shared objectives of delivering voice and robust broadband services to people in the highest cost parts of rural America, and the essential role that USF support plays in doing that. In particular, we focused on some key reform issues including broadband buildout goals, the use of a competitive screen to avoid potentially duplicative support and updating the rate of return used in calculating USF support.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include this ex parte letter in the above-identified proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Banks".

Jonathan Banks
Senior Vice President, Law & Policy

c: Rebekah Goodheart