



February 4, 2014

Ex Parte Notice

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

RE: WC Docket No. 10-90, Connect America Fund; Technology Transitions, GN Docket No. 13-5

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 2, 2014, the NTCA Board of Directors and two NTCA staff members (all meeting attendees listed below), met with Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Ms. Matthey provided the NTCA Board with a brief summary of the recently released Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the ongoing transition to IP-based services and an overview of other universal service-related matters. In the question and answer session that followed Ms. Matthey's presentation, individual board members urged the Commission to consider reducing the regulatory burden imposed on small carriers operating in rural areas and to facilitate the recovery of past investments based upon use by other parties of small carrier networks.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,
/s/ Michael R. Romano
Michael R. Romano
Senior Vice President – Policy

cc: Carol Matthey

Meeting Attendees:

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Blue Valley Tele-Communications, Inc.

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