



February 4, 2016

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 Tuesday, February 2, 2016, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) and Denny Law of Golden West Communications held separate meetings with: (1) Nicholas Degani, legal advisor to Commissioner Ajit Pai; (2) Travis Litman, legal advisor to Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel; and (3) Amy Bender, legal advisor to Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, and Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

In each meeting, we discussed options for reforming existing universal service support mechanisms to provide standalone broadband support. Our presentations were consistent with prior NTCA advocacy. *See Ex Parte* Letter of Michael R. Romano, Senior Vice President – Policy, NTCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”), WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Jan. 27, 2016).

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 R. Romano
Michael R. Romano
Senior Vice President – Policy

cc: Nicholas Degani
Travis Litman
Amy Bender
Carol Matthey