



February 5, 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 Wednesday, February 3, 2016, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) spoke via telephone with Stephanie Weiner, legal advisor to Chairman Tom Wheeler.

During the conversation, I discussed how processes to identify competitive overlap should operate and the importance of reasonable and sufficient transitions to enable recovery of costs associated with long-term investments consistent with rules in place at the time such investments were made. *See, e.g., Ex Parte* Letters from 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. 29, 2016 and July 16, 2015).

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: Stephanie Weiner