



February 14, 2014

***Ex Parte Notice***

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

**Re: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition; Petition of NTCA for a Rulemaking to Promote and Sustain the Ongoing TDM-to-IP Evolution, GN Docket No. 12-353; Technology Transitions Policy Task Force, GN Docket No. 13-5***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, February 12, 2014, Shirley Bloomfield, Chief Executive Officer of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), and the undersigned met with Jonathan Chambers, Chief of the Office of Strategic Policy and Planning Analysis, to discuss matters in the above-referenced proceedings.

We discussed the structure of the rural broadband experiments soon to be conducted by the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”), the substantial interest of NTCA members in participating in such experiments, and how those experiments will be managed to ensure coordination with existing high-cost universal service principles and programs. NTCA’s comments were consistent with its prior filings with respect to these experiments. *See, e.g., See Ex Parte* Letters of Michael R. Romano, Senior Vice President-Policy, NTCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.* (filed Jan. 22, 2014).

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: Jonathan Chambers