



February 23, 2016

Ex Parte Notice

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

RE: Rural Call Completion, WC Docket 13-39

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Sunday, February 21, 2016, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), John Nettles, President of Pine Belt Telephone and Wireless, and Robert Gnapp, Director of Network Training and Analysis for the National Exchange Carrier Association Inc. (“NECA”) met with Daniel Kahn, Acting Division Chief of the Federal Communications Commission’s Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The group met in Orlando, Florida at NTCA’s Rural Telecom Industry Meeting and EXPO.

The group discussed the fact that rural consumers continue to face call completion problems. Mr. Nettles explained that he and his rural subscribers are frustrated that calls continue to fail to complete years after the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) and the industry was made aware of the problem. Mr. Kahn discussed the Commission’s efforts to ensure that rural calls complete and, in general terms, the status of the Commission’s data collection efforts. The group also talked about the terminating LEC’s inability to directly track down the source or cause of call failure on calls that never reach their network.

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/ Jill Canfield
Jill Canfield
Vice President, Legal and Industry
Assistant General Counsel

cc: Daniel Kahn