

April 12, 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; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket No. 14-58; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, April 8, 2016, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association ("NTCA") spoke via telephone with Carol Mattey, Alexander Minard, and Suzanne Yelen of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to pose questions for the specific purpose of better understanding the implementation and operation of budget controls under the recently released universal service fund reform order. NTCA indicated that it may provide thoughts and suggestions as they are developed on such implementation details at a future time.

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: Carol Mattey
Alexander Minard
Suzanne Yelen