



April 10, 2015

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 Thursday, April 9, 2015, Shirley Bloomfield and the undersigned, on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), met with Ruth Milkman, Chief of Staff to Chairman Tom Wheeler, to discuss issues presented in the above-referenced proceeding.

Consistent with prior advocacy, NTCA encouraged the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) to move forward not only with consideration of a voluntary model for those small rural carriers who might seek such an option, but also to redouble efforts on much-needed updates to the “baseline” foundational programs that enable universal service in areas served by all such carriers. *See Ex Parte* Letter from Michael R. Romano, Senior Vice President-Policy, NTCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.* (filed Oct. 31, 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: Ruth Milkman