



April 13, 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 Monday, April 11, 2016, and Tuesday, April 12, 2016, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) spoke via telephone with Amy Bender, legal advisor to Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, and Stephanie Weiner, legal advisor to Chairman Tom Wheeler, respectively, 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 in each conversation that it may provide thoughts and suggestions 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: Amy Bender  
Stephanie Weiner