



May 11, 2017

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 Tuesday, May 9, 2017, the undersigned, on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), held separate telephone conversations with Amy Bender, legal advisor to Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, and Victoria Goldberg of the Wireline Competition Bureau. On Wednesday, March 10, 2017, the undersigned held separate telephone conversations with Ms. Bender again and with Claude Aiken, legal advisor to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn.

During these conversations, NTCA expressed positions with respect to the rate floor policy, operating expense cap revisions, imputation of Access Recovery Charges, competitive overlap policy implementation, and expenses recoverable via universal service consistent with recent prior advocacy on these specific issues. *See Ex Parte* Letters from Michael R. Romano, Sr. Vice President, NTCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”), WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed May 3, 2017 and May 9, 2017).

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 –
Industry Affairs & Business Development

cc: Claude Aiken
Amy Bender
Victoria Goldberg