



July 1, 2014

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 Friday, June 27, 2014, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) and Martha Duggan on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (“NRECA”) met with Jonathan Chambers, Chief of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis, and Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss matters in the above-referenced proceedings.

Specifically, we discussed the prospect of conducting “rural broadband experiments” as part of the high-cost universal service program. NTCA and NRECA noted the long-standing commitment of their respective community-based members to serving rural America, and the levels of interest expressed by many of those members in participating in potential experiments. NTCA and NRECA described their efforts to encourage member collaboration in experiments where possible and practicable, and urged the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) to look to leverage the expertise of their respective members in undertaking any such experiments.

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: Jonathan Chambers
Carol Matthey