



July 30, 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 Tuesday, July 28, 2015, the parties listed on the Attachment hereto, representing various rural telecom operators and associations, met with Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) staff as listed on the Attachment to discuss potential limits on expenses recoverable via federal universal service support mechanisms.

In particular, we discussed what kinds of limits could be reasonable to ensure effective use of universal service resources, while expressing concerns about how certain kinds of restrictions could affect operations and delivery of supported services in high-cost rural areas.

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

JULY 28 MEETING ATTENDEES

Wireline Competition Bureau

- Carol Matthey
- Steve Rosenberg
- Suzanne Yelen
- Alex Minard
- Ted Burmeister (by phone)
- Christopher Cook
- Gary Seigel
- Joe Sorresso (by phone)
- James Eisner
- Rodger Woock

Rural Representatives

- Gerry Duffy on behalf of WTA-Advocates for Rural Broadband
- Lynn Follansbee of USTelecom
- Jim Frame, Jeff Dupree, and Tanja Curovic (by phone) of the National Exchange Carrier Association
- Denny Law of Golden West Telecommunications (by phone)
- Robert DeBroux (by phone) and Jeff Jung of TDS Telecom
- Cheryl Parrino of Parrino Consulting
- Scott Schultheis of Reynolds Schultheis
- Brian Sullivan of JSI
- Jeff Smith (by phone) of GVNW
- Larry Thompson of Vantage Point (by phone)
- Mike Romano on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association