



August 7, 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, August 6, 2015, Shirley Bloomfield, Chief Executive Officer of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), together with the undersigned, met with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and her wireline legal advisor, Travis Litman, to discuss issues presented in the above-referenced proceedings. Specifically, we discussed the efforts of NTCA and its rural stakeholder allies to engage actively with the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) in updating existing cost recovery mechanisms to address consumer demand for broadband services. We outlined the substantial industry consensus achieved with respect to a two-track approach to universal service reform, consisting of: (1) a simple and straightforward set of changes to existing mechanisms to make them more efficient, effective, forward-looking, and updated for a broadband world; and (2) a voluntary model-based support path for those carriers seeking to take such support subject to reasonably defined but responsible build-out obligations. We also discussed possible alternatives to such reform tracks and the potential benefits and complications associated with each.

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: Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Travis Litman