



August 12, 2014

***Ex Parte Notice***

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, WT Docket No. 10-208; ETC Annual Reports and Certification, WC Docket No. 14-58; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries, WC Docket No. 13-184***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, August 11, 2014, the undersigned, on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), met with Michael Steffen, Director of Digital Learning, to discuss matters in the above-referenced proceedings.

During the meeting, I discussed the need for careful coordination of efforts between the Schools and Libraries and High-Cost components of the Universal Service Fund, particularly with respect to deployment of broadband-capable wide area networks in rural areas. My suggestions with respect to achieving such coordination were consistent with those stated in prior NTCA comments. *See, e.g.,* Comments of NTCA, *et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.* (filed Aug. 8, 2014), at 40-41 and 53; Comments of NTCA, WC Docket No. 13-184 (filed Apr. 7, 2014), at 4-6.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano  
Michael R. Romano  
Senior Vice President – Policy

cc: Michael Steffen