



October 27, 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 Friday, October 23, 2015, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), spoke via telephone with Stephanie Weiner, legal advisor to Chairman Tom Wheeler, Amy Bender, legal advisor to Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, and Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss matters in the above-referenced proceeding.

Specifically, NTCA discussed and raised questions about suggestions by certain Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) offices for potential reforms of federal universal service support mechanisms. *See Ex Parte* Letter from Lynn Follansbee, USTelecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Sept. 25, 2015); *see also Ex Parte* Letter from Lynn Follansbee, USTelecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Oct. 2, 2015).

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: Stephanie Weiner  
Amy Bender  
Carol Matthey