



October 29, 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 Monday, October 27, 2014, the undersigned, on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), discussed matters in the above-referenced proceeding with Daniel Alvarez, legal advisor to Chairman Tom Wheeler.

Specifically, I discussed the need for updates to high-cost rules for areas served by rural, rate-of-return-regulated local exchange carriers. *See* Comments of NTCA, *et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.* (filed Aug. 8, 2014), at 6-28 and 34-60. NTCA urged the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”), even as it may consider alternative paths of support and longer-term reform initiatives, to move forward as soon as possible to implement a simple and straightforward updated fix focused on supporting broadband-capable networks in high-cost areas served by smaller carriers.

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: Daniel Alvarez