



December 14, 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; Rural Call Completion, WC Docket No. 13-39*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, December 10, 2015, Shirley Bloomfield, Chief Executive Officer of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), and Nancy White, Chief Executive Officer of North Central Telephone Cooperative (“NCTC”), spoke with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and her legal adviser, Travis Litman, about issues in the above-referenced proceedings during a trip to view NCTC’s operations. In particular, during the visit, NTCA and NCTC raised the need for simple and straightforward action to address rural consumer demand for standalone broadband services under existing universal service programs, and the need for further vigilance in addressing ongoing rural call completion concerns.

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: Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Travis Litman