



February 26, 2019

Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 25, 2019, B. Lynn Follansbee, USTelecom, met with Arielle Roth, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner O’Rielly to discuss the Rate Floor proceeding.

During the meeting, USTelecom expressed that its preferred position is that the Commission eliminate the rate floor policy because it is an unnecessary regulatory burden for rural companies. If the current rate floor freeze is not at least extended the voice telephone rate will increase over \$8 per month for rural consumers, an unwarranted price increase for rural consumers. In addition, USTelecom noted the need for swift action in this matter due to the fact that some carriers have fast approaching state notification and tariffing requirements well in advance of the Commission’s deadline for action.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

USTELECOM

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Lynn Follansbee".

By: _____

B. Lynn Follansbee
Vice President – Law & Policy

cc: Arielle Roth