



October 27, 2017

Ex Parte Notification

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On October 26 2017, Terry Hendrickson, CEO and General Manager for Wiggins Telephone Association; Vince Kropp, CEO and General Manager for PC Telcom; Pete Kirchhoff, Executive Vice President of CTA; Ritika Robertson Chief of Staff to Congressman Ken Buck (Colorado 4th District); James Hampson, Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman Ken Buck; and the undersigned met by phone with Jay Schwarz, Wireline Advisor to Chairman Pai; Ryan Palmer, Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division (TAPD), Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB); Sue McNeil, Associate Bureau Chief WCB; Suzanne Yelen, Attorney Advisor, TAPD WCB; Tim Strachan, Director Legislative Affairs; Jim Balaguer, Deputy Director Legislative Affairs.

During the discussion, participants raised concerns regarding reductions of Universal Service Fund (USF) support, including the impact of the budget control mechanism. Participants stressed the urgency of the issue and asked the FCC to take steps to mitigate the effects of the budget shortfall before the end of the year. Also, participants asked the FCC to conduct a budgetary review to address the budget shortfall in the long term.

Any questions about the information in this filing may be directed to the undersigned. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the FCC's rules, this letter is being filed electronically via ECFS.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stacey Brigham

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