

March 27, 2018

VIA ECFS

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

Re: *Connect America Phase II Challenge Process*, WC Docket No. 14-93; *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 22, 2018, General Communication, Inc. (“GCI”) responded to the Public Notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau (“Bureau”) that commenced the challenge process for Alaska Communications Systems’ (“ACS”) Connect America Phase II funding in partially served census blocks.¹ As required by the *Notice*, GCI submitted a copy of its Response² via email to Rebekah Douglas of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division and to the Bureau via ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov. GCI also served counsel for ACS via email and first-class mail. While we believed that the response had also been filed and accepted in ECFS, it appears that ECFS has not processed the Response.

Attached please find GCI’s Response exactly as it was provided to Ms. Douglas, the ConnectAmerica email address, and counsel for ACS. As the Response was timely provided to Ms. Douglas, the Bureau, and counsel for ACS, GCI requests that the Response be considered timely filed notwithstanding its late appearance in ECFS. In the alternative, GCI requests a brief waiver of the March 22, 2018 filing deadline.³ It is in the public interest to waive the filing deadline to consider GCI’s Response, which provides evidence that will prevent limited Connect America funds from being spent on locations that are already served with broadband speeds of 250 Mbps and higher. There is no harm to any interested participant in this proceeding. Bureau staff and ACS timely received GCI’s Response, and this ECFS re-submission only three business days later makes the filing also available to the public.

¹ See *Wireline Competition Bureau Commences Alaska Communications Systems Connect America Fund Phase II Challenge Process*, Public Notice, DA 18-92 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Feb. 5, 2018) (“*Notice*”).

² General Communication, Inc.’s Challenge to Alaska Communications Systems’ Proposed Eligible Locations in Partially Served Census Blocks, WC Docket Nos. 14-93 & 10-90 (Mar. 22, 2018) (“*Response*”).

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.3.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Veach", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Julie A. Veach
Counsel to GCI Communication Corp.

cc: Sue McNeil
Rebekah Douglas