



April 17, 2019

**Via ECFS**

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

**RE: NOTICE OF EX PARTE**  
**WT Docket No. 10-208: *Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 16, 2019, the Rural Wireless Association (“RWA”) representatives (listed in Attachment A) met with the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force staff (listed in Attachment B) to discuss the status of the above-referenced proceeding.

In the meeting, RWA inquired about the timeline of the MF-II proceeding, specifically asking when rural carriers would know more about the next stages of the auction process. RWA noted that its members are trying to meet 600 MHz buildout deadlines and are in the process of purchasing equipment to expand their 4G LTE networks and beginning to plan their deployment of 5G services. As RWA explained, its members’ business plans rely on the timing and outcome of the MF-II proceeding, meaning any information or guidance as to the Commission’s next steps would be helpful to RWA members in planning ahead.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules,<sup>1</sup> this *ex parte* is being filed electronically with the Office of the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §1.1206.

## **Attachment A – RWA Representatives**

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John Nelson – Counsel, RWA

John Nettles – CEO, Pine Belt Cellular, Inc.; Board Member, RWA

## **Attachment B – Rural Broadband Auction Task Force**

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