

April 30, 2019

**Via Electronic Submission**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 29, 2019 the undersigned, along with Brian Krambeer, president and CEO of MiEnergy Cooperative and company board member Jenny Scharmer, met with staff of the Wireline Competition Bureau, including Nathan Eagan, Chelsea Fallon, and Kirk Burgee.

We discussed how the ACAM rules have deemed the company's Harmony exchange (SAC 361404) ineligible for funding impacting the ability of MiEnergy and its partner electric cooperatives and telecommunications companies to bring broadband to those communities. We also discussed the upcoming potential opportunities for funding from the CAF and/or the newly proposed Rural Broadband Opportunity Fund (RBOF).

NRECA expressed its commitment to working with the FCC on rules for the next reverse auction that will encourage robust participation by small entities, such as electric cooperatives, to bring broadband to unserved and underserved communities across the nation.

If you have any questions regarding this ex parte notice, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Brian M. O'Hara*

Senior Director Regulatory Issues – Telecom and Broadband  
NRECA

cc: Nathan Eagan, Chelsea Fallon, and Kirk Burgee