



Via ECFS

June 12, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On June 8, 2017, the following representatives of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Golden West) met with Chairman Ajit Pai and his Senior Counsel, Nicholas Degani at Golden West's headquarters in Wall, South Dakota: Denny Law, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, Nick Rogness, Director of Engineering and Operations, Greg Oleson, Director of Member Services, Communications and Government Affairs, Gordy Kraut, Chief Financial Officer, Rick Reed, Director of Video Services and Savannah Williamson, Human Resources Manager. Also attending the meeting were Richard Coit, Executive Director of the South Dakota Telecommunications Association and Qusi Al-Haj, West River Director for Senator John Thune.

During the meeting, the representatives of Golden West and Mr. Coit discussed the impacts of the universal service fund budget on rural carriers such as Golden West that remained on rate of return and did not elect model-based support. We discussed our concerns regarding the sufficiency of the universal service fund budget and the effect of the budget control on standalone broadband rates for rural consumers and investment incentives for rural carriers.

Golden West and the SDTA urged the Federal Communications Commission (the "Commission") to consider measures to ensure that rural consumers are better able to obtain access to standalone broadband at reasonably comparable rates to those available in urban areas, and to explore what can be done to ensure the reformed distribution mechanisms function more predictably as intended and consistent with federal law.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the above-reference docket. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Denny Law", is written over a faint, stylized blue outline of the same signature.

Denny Law  
CEO/General Manager

cc: Chairman Ajit Pai  
Nicholas Degani