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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Utilities Technology Council is providing the following ex parte notification in the above-referenced proceeding in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules. On July 11, 2016, Mitchell Johnson and Randy Klindt from Ozarks Electric Cooperative ("Ozarks"), Jason Strong from North Alabama Electric Cooperative ("North Alabama"), and Doug Jarrett from the law firm of Keller & Heckman (on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association ("NRECA") and the undersigned on behalf of the Utilities Technology Council ("UTC") met with Amy Bender, Wireline Legal Advisor for the Office of Commissioner O'Rielly to discuss matters related to the above-referenced proceedings.

During the meeting, Ozarks, North Alabama, NRECA and UTC discussed their concerns with the FCC's recently released Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.¹ Specifically, they expressed concerns about the Commission's decision to eliminate census blocks from the reverse auction in areas where incumbent carriers declined the offer of model-based support and where rural broadband experiments were filed based upon FCC Form 477 data that was filed for June 2015.² They also urged the Commission to adopt weights for the upcoming reverse auction that would promote the deployment of future-proof networks and robust, reliable and affordable broadband services in rural America. Finally, they urged the Commission not to reallocate funds from certain census blocks into other census block or other states.³

Thank you for your help in this matter. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please let me know.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett Kilbourne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brett Kilbourne

Cc: FCC Participants

¹ Connect America Fund, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, WC Docket No. 10-90, 81 Fed. Reg. 40235 (June 21, 2016) ("Order and Further Notice").

² *Id.* ¶70.

³ *Id.* ¶¶217-224. See also Letter from Brett Kilbourne, UTC to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed May 18, 2016) (asking that the FCC "refrain from reallocating the available funds from state-to-state or between census blocks.")