



July 27, 2017

**Ex Parte Notification**

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

RE: Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On July 25, 2017, Craig Wilbert, General Manager, Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative; Brent Cunningham, Vice President and General Manager, Cunningham Telephone and Cable; Jill Kuehny, Chief Financial Officer, KanOkla Networks; Beau Rebel, Golden Belt Telephone; and the undersigned met with Amy Bender, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner O’Rielly.

During the discussion, participants raised concerns regarding reductions of Universal Service Fund (USF) support, including recent developments in the budget control mechanism, and the impact these reduced distributions will have on their customers and communities. Attendees stressed the urgency of the issue and asked the FCC to expeditiously take steps to mitigate the effects of the budget shortfall.

Any questions about the information in this filing may be directed to the undersigned. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the FCC’s rules, this letter is being filed electronically via ECFS.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stacey Brigham

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CC: Amy Bender