



July 28, 2017

Ex Parte

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

Re: AU Docket No. 17-182

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, July 27, 2017, AJ Burton (Frontier), Malena Barzilai (Windstream) and I met with David Grossman, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Clyburn. We discussed competitive bidding procedures for the Connect America Fund Phase II auction. In particular, we discussed the possibility for streamlined short forms for applicants that have substantial business histories of providing robust broadband services to customers. We also discussed package bidding and how the minimum scale percentage approach to assessing bids with competitive overlaps relates to planning network builds across rural areas and delivering broadband service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Banks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" and last name "Banks" clearly distinguishable.

Jonathan Banks
Senior Vice President, Law & Policy

c: David Grossman