



July 30, 2018

Ex Parte Notice

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

RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, July 27, 2018, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) spoke via telephone with Suzanne Yelen of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding matters in the above-referenced proceeding.

Specifically, NTCA discussed questions related to the recently released order setting forth standards and requirements for performance testing by recipients of high-cost universal service fund (“USF”) support. NTCA raised questions regarding the number of test locations and the required extent of network testing, consistent with prior advocacy. *See Ex Parte* Letter from Joshua Seidemann, Vice President of Policy, NTCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed June 18, 2018). NTCA also discussed the timing of implementation for smaller operators, and indicated that it may also have several further questions for clarification forthcoming.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the rules of the Commission, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano

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cc: Suzanne Yelen