



August 1, 2017

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

Re: *Ex Parte* Communication: WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 28, 2017, Ken Pfister of Great Plains Communications and Wendy Fast of Consolidated Telephone, both participating by phone, as well as Genny Morelli and the undersigned of ITTA, met with Sue McNeil, Dana Zelman, Alex Minard, and Katie King of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding the above-captioned proceeding.¹

In our meeting, we discussed the attached presentation. We emphasized the benefits and efficiencies that would be realized from funding the A-CAM Plan at \$200 per location. We suggested that the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*,² taken together with the *A-CAM Funding Order and FNPRM*,³ present an opportunity this year for the Commission to include additional funds in the high-cost program budget for the A-CAM Plan. We estimated that funding the A-CAM Plan at \$200 per location would require approximately an additional \$100 million.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Michael J. Jacobs
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Sue McNeil Alex Minard
Dana Zelman Katie King

¹ *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 13775 (2016) (*A-CAM Funding Order and FNPRM*).

² *Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663, 17710-11, para. 123 (2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*), *aff'd sub nom. In re: FCC 11-161*, 753 F.3d 1015 (10th Cir. 2014).

³ *A-CAM Funding Order and FNPRM*, 31 FCC Rcd at 13779, para. 12.