

August 10, 2018

Ex Parte

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

Re: *Connect America Fund Phase II Challenge Process*, WC Docket No. 14-93; *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, August 9, 2018, Chris Nierman and Philip Treuer of GCI Communication Corp. (“GCI”), along with the undersigned, met with Alex Minard, Deputy Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Talmage Cox and Dangkhua Nguyen, also of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Mr. Treuer joined the meeting by telephone.

In the meeting, GCI reviewed the data provided in its challenge¹ to the list of locations in partially served census blocks that Alaska Communications Systems (“ACS”) has proposed to serve in fulfillment of its specific Connect America Fund obligations. We also discussed GCI’s preliminary analysis of ACS’s second list of proposed locations in partially served census blocks,² which reflects that GCI already offers service to some of the locations identified by ACS as unserved.

We provided Messrs. Minard, Cox, and Nguyen with copies of GCI’s challenge filing and its reply to ACS.

¹ See General Communication, Inc.’s Challenge to Alaska Communications Systems’ Proposed Eligible Locations in Partially Served Census Blocks, WC Docket Nos. 14-93 and 10-90 (filed Mar. 22, 2018). As explained in its later-filed reply, GCI Communication Corp. succeeds General Communication, Inc. as the entity pursuing this challenge. See Reply of GCI Communication Corp. to Challenge to Alaska Communications Systems’ Proposed Eligible Locations in Partially Served Census Blocks, WC Docket Nos. 14-93 and 10-90, at 1 n.1 (filed May 23, 2018).

² See Letter from Ruth Willard, Senior Director, Revenue Management, Alaska Communications, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed June 20, 2018).

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Veach", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Julie A. Veach
Counsel to GCI Communication Corp.

cc: Alex Minard
Talmage Cox
Dangkhwa Nguyen