



August 31, 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 Wednesday, August 29, 2018, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) spoke via telephone with Alexander Minard of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding matters in the above-referenced proceeding. Specifically, NTCA discussed the need for sufficient universal service support pursuant to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released March 23, 2018 in the above-referenced docket, and encouraged the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) to consider and complete in the next several months those steps necessary to promote the longer-term stability and sustainability of support mechanisms.

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

Michael R. Romano  
Senior Vice President –  
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cc: Alexander Minard