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**Via ECFS – Notice of Ex Parte Communications**

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

**Re: *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, 07-135, and CC  
Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 18, 2018, Ken Pfister of Great Plains Communications, Wendy Thompson Fast of Consolidated Companies (collectively, NE A-CAM Companies), and I had separate meetings with Arielle Roth, Wireline Legal Advisor for Commissioner Michael O'Reilly, Jamie Susskind, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Brendan Carr, and Travis Litman, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor for Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel. We stated that allocating an additional \$66 million annually to increase A-CAM funding up to \$200 per location is an appropriate, measured step towards advancing the Commission's goal to close the digital divide in rural areas, while having a minimal impact on consumers that support universal service. The attached powerpoint was distributed at each meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if there are questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: "Funding A-CAM Up to \$200/Location Can Be Accomplished with Minimal Budget Impact"

cc: Travis Litman  
Arielle Roth  
Jamie Susskind