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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 December 6, 2018, I had a phone call with Arielle Roth, legal advisor to Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, on behalf of the Nebraska A-CAM Companies regarding the draft order in the above-referenced docket that is scheduled to be voted at the December agenda meeting.¹ During the phone call, I noted that while the Nebraska A-CAM Companies intend to exceed the minimum requirements for extending broadband service to “reasonable request” locations,² it is difficult to predict industry-wide the extent to which other companies will exceed required broadband deployment obligations to serve “reasonable request” locations. I also discussed the potential budgetary impact of a new offer of A-CAM support to companies currently receiving legacy support. As noted in prior ex parte filings,³ the Nebraska A-CAM Companies support a new offer of A-CAM support to all companies not currently receiving such support.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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cc: Arielle Roth

¹ *Connect America Fund*, Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order on Reconsideration, FCC-CIRC1812-02 (Public Draft Nov. 21, 2018).

² See Comments of the Nebraska A-CAM Companies, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., at 7-8 (filed May 25, 2018).

³ See Letter from Carol E. Matthey, Matthey Consulting LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. (filed Nov. 29, 2018).