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

RE: Notice of Ex Parte – WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 15, 2017 Jerry Weikle, representing ERTA, spoke by phone with Claude Aiken of Commissioner Mignon Clyburn's office.

There was discussion about the important role Universal Service Fund ("USF") support plays to address the lack of broadband in rural America. There was discussion about the uncertainty facing RoR companies because of persistent USF funding cuts. ERTA believes that additional funding is needed for both Rate of Return ("RoR") and A-CAM companies to provide broadband to more unserved areas.

ERTA's desire that USAC be instructed to continue collecting the budgeted \$4.5 billion for high cost USF after this year was also discussed as well as the desire for reserves to be used for additional RoR and A-CAM funding.

If there are any questions, I can be reached at 704.782.7738.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jerry Weikle

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cc: Claude Aiken