



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

February 26, 2015

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No.10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) submits into the record an unredacted version of the attached presentation – “A Blueprint for Reforming Rate-of-Return USF” – provided by the Nebraska Companies to Bureau staff. With the written consent of CostQuest Associates, Inc., the Bureau is releasing the confidential information contained in the presentation to help ensure a more open, transparent process in the development of a cost model that could be used for rate-of-return carriers that voluntarily elect to transition to model-based support.

On January 29, 2015, Ken Pfister of Great Plains Communications, Wendy Thompson Fast of the Consolidated Companies, Cheryl L. Parrino of Parrino Strategic Consulting Group, Jeff Reynolds and Scott Schultheis of Reynolds Schultheis Consulting, Edit Kranner of Consortia Consulting, and Thomas J. Moorman of Woods & Aitken, met with Carol Matthey, Steve Rosenberg, Ryan Palmer, Alexander Minard, Suzanne Yelen, Ted Burmeister, Christopher Cook, Talmage Cox, James Eisner, Katie King, Craig Stroup, Doug Slotten and Joe Sorresso of the Bureau. On February 2, 2015, the Nebraska Companies submitted into the record an *ex parte* letter of the meeting and a redacted version of the presentation pursuant to the *Third Supplemental Protective Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90. Letter from Thomas J. Moorman, Counsel to the Nebraska Companies, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Feb. 2, 2015); *see Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *Third Supplemental Protective Order*, 27 FCC Rcd 15277 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012).

Sincerely,

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