



March 30, 2015

Ex Parte

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

Re: USTelecom Ex Parte Notice Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, March 26, 2015, Malena Barzilai (Windstream), Jeff Lanning (CenturyLink), Mary Henze (AT&T) and I met with Alexander Minard, Heidi Kroll and Katie King to discuss issues related to the Phase 2 competitive bidding process. Also participating via Conference Bridge were Michael Skrivan (Fairpoint) and AJ Burton (Frontier).

The Commission has indicated that the record received in response to the *USF/ICC Transformation FNPRM* was not sufficiently well-developed and that details of the competitive bidding process needed to be finalized so that it can occur shortly after the model-based elections take place.

As such, we explored a variety of considerations that require final determination, as well as some high-level constructs including the geographic scope of bidding activity, the use of multiple bidding rounds, and the benefits of an objective selection methodology. We suggested that a competitive process that is efficient to implement and administer and that enables all types and sizes of providers to participate should be the Commission's goal.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include this ex parte letter in the above-identified proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Mayer", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Robert Mayer
Vice President, Industry and
State Affairs

cc: Alexander Minard
Heidi Lankau
Katie King