

May 27, 2015

Ex Parte

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

Re: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 21, 2015, Tina Pidgeon and Christopher Nierman of General Communication, Inc. (“GCI”) and I, on behalf of GCI, met with Philip Verveer, Senior Counselor to the Chairman. We discussed the Alaska Telephone Association’s proposal for high-cost support in Alaska. The ATA proposal applies an approach for Alaska’s rate-of-return carriers and Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“CETCs”) that is similar to the approach taken with respect to high-cost support for Alaska’s price cap ILEC served areas. The ATA proposal provides stable support, while ensuring accountability for the use of high cost support to promote voice and broadband deployments in Alaska’s hard-to-serve areas. The ATA plan also redirects support from wireline CETC services to wireless services, and specifically provides support for extending mobile wireless services to communities with no such service. We urged that the Commission adopt the entirety of the ATA plan no later than when it adopts further Connect America Fund reforms for rate-of-return carriers.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Counsel to General Communication, Inc.

cc: Philip Verveer