



May 28, 2015

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Ex Parte

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, May 26, 2015, Jonathan Banks and I (USTelecom), Mary Henze (AT&T), Jeff Lanning (CenturyLink), AJ Burton (Frontier), and Alan Buzacott (Verizon), met with Carol Matthey, Talmage Cox, Katie King, Heidi Lankau, Alexander Minard and Molly O'Connor of the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB). Also present, via teleconference, was Steve Rosenberg (WCB), Mike Skrivan (FairPoint), and Malena Barzilai (Windstream).

We discussed a number of areas where additional clarification and guidance would be helpful or needed to implement the CAF II program. Specifically, we urged that additional guidance be provided to USAC regarding the treatment of potential overlaps in CAF I and CAF II areas. We requested the Bureau to provide a list of Remote Area Fund (RAF) census blocks. We also sought additional clarity on implementing ETC forbearance.

We discussed the need for additional clarity regarding legacy obligations and support with specific guidance on 2015 and continuing legacy voice and broadband obligation. In addition, we argued for the elimination of the five-year plan and resolution on E-rate obligations (competitive services and prices), broadband measurements, and clear audit guidance for USAC to implement.

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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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert Mayer
Vice President, Industry & State Affairs

c: Carol Matthey
Talmage Cox
Katie King
Heidi Lankau
Alexander Minard
Molly O'Connor
Steve Rosenberg