



May 29, 2015

**VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

**Ex Parte**

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, Jonathan Banks and I (USTelecom), Mary Henze (AT&T), AJ Burton (Frontier), and Malena Barzilai (Windstream), and Jeff Lanning (CenturyLink) via teleconference met with Margaret Wiener and James Schlichting of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), Carol Matthey, Katie King, Heidi Lankau and Alexander Minard of the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB).

We discussed the rationale for the key elements of our proposal for an effective CAF Phase II competitive bidding process. Specifically, we explained how a nationwide, multi-round competitive bidding structure with user-defined packages of census blocks that incorporates a composite efficiency index provides a simple and straightforward mechanism to further stated Commission goals.

We also maintained that the proposed structure should not create undue computational constraints for the Commission to implement and that the structure of rounds and the pre-bid commitments were designed to limit any potential abuses resulting from strategic bidding. We agreed that it may be helpful for members to engage in further discussion with staff as additional consideration is given to our proposal.

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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

cc: Carol Matthey

Katie King

Heidi Lankau

Alexander Minard

Margaret Wiener

James Schlichting