

June 11, 2015

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

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

Ex Parte Filing

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Alexicon Telecommunications Consulting, on behalf of the National Tribal Telecommunications Association (“NTTA”), is submitting this *ex parte* filing to memorialize NTTA’s meeting with Travis Litman, the wireline legal advisor for Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, along with Geoffrey Blackwell, Irene Flannery, Daniel Margolis, Janet Sievert, and Sayuri Rajapakse from the Office of Native Affairs and Policy. Attendees on behalf of NTTA were Godfrey Enjady and Jerome Block, Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. (“MATI”); Greg Guice, Counsel to Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.; Kristan Johnson and Beverly Lewis, Tohono O’odham Utility Authority; Bill Bryant, President and CEO of Saddleback Communications; Randy Tyree, Consultant to MATI; Alan Morel, General Counsel to MATI; Al Pederson, GVNW; and Doug Kitch, Alexicon Telecommunications Consulting.

NTTA discussed the need for any reforms to the universal service mechanism for rate of return carriers to provide support to address the lack of broadband to residents living on tribal lands, a figure the Commission estimates stands as high as 85 percent for rural tribal lands and 65 percent for all tribal lands. Consistent with the filing from NTTA of June 5, 2015 in WC Docket No. 10-90, NTTA suggested the broad outlines of a reform proposal to the universal service rules that would specifically target support to tribal lands. NTTA explained that it is finalizing the specifics of the proposal and committed to providing that information to the Commission by June 19.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Kitch', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Doug Kitch, Principal