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July 9, 2015

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 7, 2015, Ken Pfister of Great Plains Communications, Cheryl Parrino of Parrino Strategic Consulting Group, Wendy Fast of the Consolidated Companies, and Genny Morelli and the undersigned of ITTA participated in a conference call with Carol Matthey, Alex Minard, and Suzanne Yelen of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss a proposed build-out methodology for a voluntary, model-based universal service support plan for rate-of-return carriers. A written description of the proposed methodology, which would provide for carrier-specific broadband build-out requirements for those carriers participating in the model-based plan, was included as Attachment C to the *ex parte* letter ITTA filed in this proceeding on June 29, 2015.¹ The purpose of the conference call was to provide further detail regarding the proposal, as indicated in the attached presentation.

In accordance with the procedures outlined in the Third Supplemental Protective Order adopted in this proceeding,² enclosed herewith are two copies of the redacted version of the presentation, which also has been filed electronically. Copies of the Highly Confidential version of the presentation have been submitted under seal and provided electronically to Commission staff and CostQuest's counsel of record as required by the Third Supplemental Protective Order.

¹ See Letter from Genevieve Morelli, ITTA, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed June 29, 2015).

² *Connect America Fund*, Third Supplemental Protective Order, 27 FCC Rcd 15277 (2012) (DA 12-1995).

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Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



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