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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90
Notice of *Ex Parte*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 9, 2015, the undersigned on behalf of Home Telecom (“Home”) met by phone with Nicholas Degani, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Pai, to discuss the mechanics of the Commissioner’s recently released plan to support rural broadband through universal service support for stand-alone broadband.¹

Specifically I raised concern over the proposed transition period for carriers that might receive less in a forward-looking cost model than in the existing rate-of-return mechanism. I stressed the need for carriers to receive predictable support that a model-based mechanism might offer. Carriers voluntarily electing a reduction should be given ample time to adjust operations to lower support levels. I expressed my thanks for the efforts of Commissioner Pai and his staff to move forward with the process of supporting high-speed broadband in rate-of-return areas.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, kindly contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Keith Oliver

H. Keith Oliver
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cc: Nicholas Degani

¹ See Statement of FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai Announcing His Plan to Support Broadband Deployment in Rural America (June 29, 2015).