



October 16, 2015

Ex Parte

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 13, 2015, B. Lynn Follansbee of USTelecom – The Broadband Association, Chad Duval of Moss Adams, and Vince Wiemer of Alexicon had a telephone call with Carol Matthey, Joe Sorresso, Ted Burmeister, Jim Eisner, Pam Arluk and Christopher Cook of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

The subject of discussion was the September 25, 2015 letter filed by the Associations in the above-referenced docket and the status of industry efforts to develop technical assumptions for a bifurcated approach to reform of current rate-of-return universal service support mechanisms as has been suggested by the Commission.¹ Wireline Bureau staff posed a series of clarifying questions regarding the approach.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Lynn Follansbee".

B. Lynn Follansbee
Vice President, Law & Policy

c: Carol Matthey
Joe Sorresso
Ted Burmeister
Jim Eisner
Pam Arluk
Christopher Cook

¹ See e.g. *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 7051 (2014).