

December 18, 2015

Ex Parte

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

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *High Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337; *Universal Service Reform Mobility Fund*, WT Docket No. 10-208; *ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket No. 14-58; *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135; *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 15, 2015, Chris Nierman of General Communication, Inc. (“GCI”) and I met with Carol Matthey, Alex Minard, Suzanne Yelen, and Chris Cook of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding GCI’s proposed commitments under the Alaska Plan. We shared copies of GCI’s proposed commitments for its rate-of-return carriers, copies of which were previously filed as part of the Alaska Telephone Association’s ex parte of November 19, 2015, which is incorporated by reference herein.¹ We also stated that the key to the Alaska Plan for all participants is to have a defined level of support, accompanied by defined deployment obligations. That approach, similar to the approach the Commission has taken with CAF II for price-cap carriers, is inconsistent with year-over-year support changes. Finally, we reiterated that it is important that the Alaska Plan in its entirety be adopted along with nationwide rate-of-return CAF changes. The sooner Alaska can have a stable infrastructure investment environment, the better and more promptly further fixed and mobile broadband will progress in rural Alaska.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Carol Matthey Suzanne Yelen
 Alex Minard Chris Cook

¹ Letter from Christine O’Connor, Executive Director, Alaska Telephone Association, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Nov. 19, 2015).