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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337, 14-58, 07-135, WT Docket No. 10-208, and CC Docket No. 01-92 –
Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 21, 2015, on behalf of Alaska Communications, Richard Cameron and I met with Ruth Milkman and Stephanie Weiner of the Chairman's office to discuss pending matters in the above-captioned dockets. Specifically, we urged prompt action on the pending proposal by Alaska Communications for CAF Phase II implementation in its price cap service area. Second, we urged the Commission to allocate support for continuing voice service in extremely high-cost census blocks in Alaska, and in those census blocks that are in the Alaska Bush and thus not covered by Alaska Communications' CAF Phase II implementation proposal.

Third, we urged that the Commission take a comprehensive approach to further universal service reforms in Alaska. As set forth in the paper filed in the CAF docket, "Closing the Middle Mile Gap In Alaska: A Proposed Plan of Action for All of Alaska," roughly one in seven residents of Alaska live in 188 Bush communities, not served by fiber (or the electric grid or roads). Alaska Communications believes that only by addressing the "middle mile gap" can the FCC fulfill its statutory duty to ensure that all Alaskans have access to reasonably comparable, affordable, advanced broadband capability. Alaska Communications therefore urges the Commission to adopt a middle mile plan together with additional CAF reforms that have been proposed by the Alaska Telephone Association for non-price cap carriers. Alaska Communications is committed to working with the Alaska Telephone Association to develop solutions that will benefit all of Alaska.

Please direct any questions concerning this filing to me.

Very truly yours,



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