February 2, 2016

***Ex Parte* Notice**

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

RE: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 30, 2016, the undersigned, on behalf of NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association ("NTCA"), spoke via telephone with Stephanie Weiner, legal advisor to Chairman Wheeler, and Carol Mattey of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

During the call, we discussed options for reform of existing universal service mechanisms. The positions of NTCA were consistent with those they expressed previously in this proceeding on reform issues. *See Ex Parte* Letter from Michael R. Romano, Senior Vice President-Policy, NTCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Jan. 29, 2016), at 1-2.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

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