



March 16, 2016

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **Ex parte filing** in WC Docket No. 10-90; WC Docket No. 05-337; WT Docket No. 10-208;  
WC Docket No. 14-58; WC Docket No. 07-135; CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 16, Dave Dengel from Copper Valley Telecom and the undersigned from GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) conducted separate ex parte meetings with Amy Bender (participating telephonically) from Commissioner O’Rielly’s office and Travis Litman from Commissioner Rosenworcel’s office.

We shared Copper Valley’s plan for infrastructure deployment after the Commission implements the Alaska Infrastructure Fund plan. Copper Valley’s ability to deploy and maintain rural broadband is needed to bring the benefit of this platform to the customers in the state of Alaska, a region that deals with significant geographic, demographic, climatic and infrastructure construction challenges.

We also reviewed the unique circumstances that create higher than average costs for carriers such as Copper Valley and the entire subset<sup>1</sup> of rural carriers serving the state of Alaska.

As required by the Commission’s rules, this ex parte record is now filed in the above referenced dockets. If there are any questions, please call me on 503.612.4409.

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<sup>1</sup> For carriers in Alaska that provide service to one of the most resource-rich areas of our country that helps fuel the national economy, this service is provided in an environment that in many places lacks a road system, commercial power and is impacted by extreme geographical and climactic challenge. Copper Valley serves territory that includes the most expensive portion to construct of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS).

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 3/16/16

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