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

Ex Parte

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, WC Docket No. 10-90.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Utilities Telecom Council is providing the following ex parte notification in the above-referenced proceeding in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules. On March 17, 2016, David Allen from Midwest Energy Cooperative, Alyssa Roberts from Ozarks Electric Cooperative and Martha Duggan from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association ("NRECA"), as well as the undersigned on behalf of the Utilities Telecom Council ("UTC") met with Nick Degani, Legal Advisor, Wireline for the Office of Commissioner Pai to discuss matters related to the above-referenced proceedings.

During the meeting, the utilities, NRECA and UTC discussed the previously-filed written ex parte by UTC, the NRECA and NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association ("NTCA"), which suggested criteria that the Commission could use in the reverse auction for Phase II of the Connect America Fund. We explained that we support minimum eligibility requirements and that the criteria for the reverse auction should set the bar high so that the Commission is funding future-proof broadband networks that would promote economic growth, better education and improved health care in rural unserved communities. We also explained that the Commission should fund broadband networks that will promote other Commission policies, such as E-rate and mobile wireless.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please let me know.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brett Kilbourne".

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