



April 6, 2016

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

RE: **Ex parte filing** in WC Docket No. 10-90; WC Docket No. 14-58; CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Steve Merriam, CEO of Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative (ASTAC) and the undersigned from GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) conducted separate ex parte meetings with Amy Bender from Commissioner O’Rielly’s office on April 6th and Travis Litman from Commissioner Rosenworcel’s office on April 5th.

We shared ASTAC’s plan for infrastructure deployment after the Commission implements the Alaska Infrastructure Fund plan. ASTAC’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 ASTAC and the entire subset¹ of rural carriers serving the state of Alaska.

¹ 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 climatic challenge.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 4/6/16

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President and CEO

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