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

Ex Parte

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, WC Docket No. 10-90 and 14-93.

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 April 15, 2016, Robert Hance and David Allen from Midwest Energy Cooperative ("Midwest"), Martha Duggan from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association ("NRECA") and the undersigned on behalf of the Utilities Telecom Council ("UTC") met with Stephanie Weiner, Senior Legal Advisor, Wireline for the Office of Chairman Wheeler and Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss matters related to the above-referenced proceedings.

During the meeting, Midwest, 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.¹ 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".

Brett Kilbourne

Cc: FCC Participants

¹ Letter from Brett Kilbourne, UTC; Martha Duggan, NRECA; and Michael Romano, NTCA to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed March 14, 2016).