

May 4, 2016

**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *Universal Service Reform Mobility Fund*, WT Docket No. 10-208

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 19, 2016, General Communication, Inc. (“GCI”) filed draft proposed Alaska Plan performance commitments reflecting its proposal to bring LTE services to over 100,000 Alaska consumers who do not have access to LTE today. GCI confirms that for those areas where it commits to deploy LTE, it will provide, through to the edge, speeds of 2 Mbps/800 kbps in areas served by fiber or microwave backhaul, and 1 Mbps/256 kbps in areas served by satellite backhaul.

In addition, in its April 19 filing, GCI provided a detailed spreadsheet showing the number of people in each Alaska incumbent local exchange carrier (“ILEC”) study area who live in census blocks where more than one competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (“CETC”) is providing service today. (The analysis excluded census blocks served by AT&T or Verizon LTE, which would not be eligible for support under the Alaska Plan, and noted under what circumstances a block is considered “served” by AT&T, Verizon, or a CETC.) On April 29, 2016, I communicated with Jim Schlichting, Senior Deputy of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, regarding how GCI assigned population to specific study areas. Specifically, I explained that GCI used the same internal mapping information that it uses for complying with universal service obligations generally. I also provided the attached map of ILEC study area boundaries.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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