

March 12, 2008

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

Ex Parte Notice:

In the Matter of Development of Nationwide Broadband Data to Evaluate Reasonable and Timely Deployment of Advanced Services to All Americans, Improvement of Wireless Broadband Subscribership Data, and Development of Data on Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Subscribership, WC Docket No. 07-38

In the Matter of Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, March 12, 2008, Karlen Reed, Regulatory Counsel, and Scott Reiter, Director of Industry Relations with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), met with Dana Shaffer, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB), together with Donald Stockdale, Kirk Burgee, Randy Clarke, Alan Feldman, Ellen Burton, and Rodger Woock of the WCB. We discussed issues raised in NTCA's reply in the above-referenced docket, concerning the cost and implementation time for 9-digit zip code implementation for Form 477 data collection for broadband mapping. NTCA responded to the WCB's requests for information regarding census tract mapping techniques and the attached NTCA 2007 Broadband Survey.

Also discussed was the need for participants in the Rural Health Care Pilot Program to adhere closely to the Commission's competitive bidding requirements, including the importance for boards of directors to avoid all conflicts of interest in awarding contracts under the Pilot Program. The discussions were consistent with NTCA's positions in previously filed comments and pleadings in the above-referenced dockets.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, copies of this letter and attachment are being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 351-2146.

Sincerely,

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