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RE: GN Docket Nos. 09-51 and 09-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 13, 2009, Derrick Owens, Eric Keber, Bob DeBroux, Don Jackson, Jason Hendricks and Gerry Duffy representing the Western Telecommunications Alliance ("WTA") met with Sharon Gillett, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau; Irene Flannery and Alexander Minard of the Wireline Competition Bureau; and Carol Matthey of the Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis, to discuss various broadband matters.

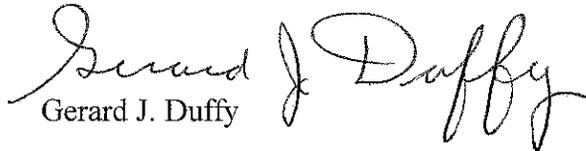
The topics included: (a) the experience and success of WTA's rural telephone company members in deploying digital subscriber line ("DSL"), hybrid fiber-DSL and fiber-to-the-home ("FTTH") facilities to make broadband services available to increasing portions of their rural customers; (b) the capacity, scalability, reliability and security advantages of fiber optic facilities in bringing existing and future broadband services to rural areas; (c) the need for sufficient and continuing high-cost Universal Service Fund ("USF") support to enable rural telephone companies to upgrade, operate and maintain their networks as broadband services evolve and bandwidth requirements increase; and (d) the advantages of complementary wireline and wireless broadband networks in rural America.

WTA presented information regarding one of its members which had invested approximately \$2,250 per household to construct a fiber-to-the-node system that had made broadband services available to all of its rural customers over hybrid fiber-DSL facilities. WTA indicated that the particular member estimated that it could complete: (a) the construction and installation necessary to make FTTH facilities available to the customers in its towns and villages at an approximate cost of \$2,800 per household; and (b) the construction and installation necessary to make FTTH facilities available to the customers in its remaining rural areas at an approximate cost of \$8,100 per household.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this submission is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the referenced proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,


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