

June 16, 2010

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

EX PARTE NOTICE

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 16, 2010, Hank Hulquist and Mary Henze representing AT&T, Ken Mason, representing Frontier, Melissa Newman representing Qwest, Maggie McCreedy representing Verizon, Eric Einhorn and Jennie Chandra representing Windstream, and David Bartlett and I representing CenturyLink, met with Sharon Gillett, Randy Clarke, Lisa Gelb, Rebekah Goodheart, Marcus Maher, Carol Matthey, Alexander Minard, Steve Rosenberg, Donald Stockdale, Al Lewis, John Hunter, Amy Bender, Ted Burmeister, Ken Burnley, Katie King, Elise Kohn, and Gary Seigel of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

During the meeting, we discussed the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) and Notice of Inquiry (NOI) regarding the proposals in the National Broadband Plan (NBP) for reform of universal service fund (USF) programs to better support broadband. The companies expressed general agreement with many of the universal service goals of the NBP. The discussion focused on better understanding several issues raised in the NPRM and NOI regarding future broadband support options, the public interest obligations that may go with such support, and methods of transitioning current support through intercarrier compensation and universal service reform.

The companies urged the Commission to adopt rules rather than further notices of proposed rulemaking this year to reduce intercarrier compensation (ICC) arbitrage, specifically (1) to prohibit carriers from eliminating information necessary for a terminating carrier to bill an originating carrier for a call, (2) to reduce access stimulation and to curtail business models that make a profit by artificially inflating the number of terminating minutes, and (3) to address the treatment of VoIP traffic for purposes of ICC. We also urged the Commission to take action this year on USF contributions reform.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, one copy of this electronic notice is being filed in each of the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me or one of the other company representatives if you have any questions or need anything else.

Sincerely,



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