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NOTICE OF EX PARTE

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

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90 Connect America Fund; GN Docket No. 09-51 A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; WC Docket No. 05-337 High-Cost Universal Service Support; and WT Docket No. 10-208 Mobility Fund

Dear Ms.Dortch:

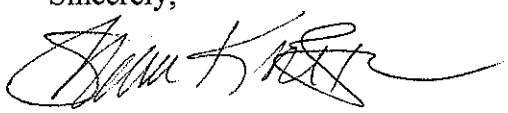
On October 15, 2010, Gene Hand, Sue Vanicek, Tyler Frost and I spoke telephonically with Marcus Maher and Rebekah Goodheart of the Wireline Competition Bureau; Al Lewis, Randy Clarke, Betsy McIntyre, Lynne Engledow, and Jay Atkinson of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division; Amy Bender, Katie King, and Ted Burmeister, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division; and with Martha Stancill and Margaret Wiener of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. We discussed the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) high-cost distribution mechanism and the progressive decisions made by the Nebraska Public Service Commission (NPSC) to determine high-cost support for eligible carriers. We discussed access charge reform and rate rebalancing undertaken by the NPSC over the last decade. We also discussed the NPSC's dedicated wireless fund program.

We advocated the Commission consider decisions some states have made to provide universal service within their borders through explicit universal service programs, the rebalancing of local rates, and access reform. We recommended that the Commission not place additional burdens on consumers in states like Nebraska. We also recommended the Commission provide incentives to states to encourage them to be more

active partners in universal service reform. Our comments were consistent with positions taken by the NPSC in prior comments filed in some the above-referenced proceedings.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules an electronic copy of this letter is being submitted via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Sincerely,



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