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**VIA ECFS**

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

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation  
In the Matter of Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90,  
A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51,  
and High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 6, 2011, Larry Thompson of Vantage Point Solutions, Inc., Edit Kranner of Consortia Consulting, Wendy Fast of Consolidated Companies in Nebraska and Ken Pfister of Great Plains Communications met with members of the staff of the Wireless Competition Bureau ("WCB") to present results of a capital expenditure study predicting the cost of fiber the premise that was sponsored by the Nebraska Rural Independent Companies.<sup>1</sup> Members of the WCB staff present at the meeting were Carol Matthey, Steve Rosenberg, Gary Seigel, Katie King, Rebekah Goodheart, Ted Burmeister, Trent Harkrader, Kevin King, Rohit Dixit, Patrick Halley, Elise Kohn and Amy Bender. During the presentation, the attached documents were provided to the WCB staff in attendance.

As reflected in the attachments, the study reflects a regression analysis utilizing a data set of fiber to the premise projects in 227 rural areas and 209 town areas in 15 states, and concluded that linear density is by far the most important predictor of construction cost, accounting for 82.5 percent of the variation in cost. As also reflected in the attached study, using additional variables

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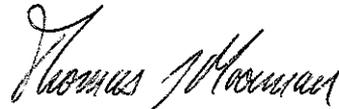
<sup>1</sup> The Nebraska Rural Independent Companies are: Arlington Telephone Company, Blair Telephone Company, Cambridge Telephone Co., Clarks Telecommunications Co., Consolidated Telephone Company, Consolidated Telco, Inc., Consolidated Telecom, Inc., The Curtis Telephone Company, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Great Plains Communications, Inc., Hamilton Telephone Company, Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc., K & M Telephone Company, Inc., The Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, Rock County Telephone Company, Stanton Telephone Co., Inc., and Three River Telco.

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in the regression increased the predictive power of the study's equation to .8666. During the discussions, the Nebraska Rural Independent Companies recommended that potential uses of the study results include developing a framework for predicting capital expenditures and for measuring fiber-based broadband deployment, as well as evaluating the national cost of deploying a high-capacity terrestrial broadband network.

This letter is being filed pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,



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