

February 14, 2011

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room TW-A325  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51; *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket 96-45; *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135; *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service High-Cost Universal Service Support*, CC Docket No.05-337; *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92; *Lifeline and Link-Up*, WC Docket No. 03-109.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 13 and 14, 2011, in conjunction with the NARUC Winter Meetings in Washington, DC, representatives of the below named "Rural Associations" met individually with the state members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service – Hon. John Burke, Hon. James Cawley, and Hon. Larry Landis. The Rural Associations include the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), The Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunication Companies (OPASTCO), the Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA), the Iowa Telecommunications Association (ITA), and the Rural Alliance. Participating on behalf of the Rural Associations were Glenn Brown, Paul Cooper, Joe Douglas, Jeff Dupree, Mark Gaily, Roger Nishi, and Dave Duncan. We discussed the reaction of the Rural Associations to the FCC's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the above captioned proceedings released on February 9, 2011 in the above captioned proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn H. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Glenn Brown  
For the Rural Associations

Cc: Hon. John Burke  
Hon. James Cawley  
Hon. Larry Landis