



March 27, 2011

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Docket Nos. CC 96-45; CC 01-92; WT 10-208; GN 09-52; WC 10-90; WC 05-337; WC 03-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 24, 2011, the undersigned spoke via telephone with Jim Schlichting, Senior Deputy Bureau Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. During the course of that conversation, I advocated the following:

1. That the FCC abandon its efforts to create a 3G mobility fund and instead concentrate on the creation of a 4G mobility fund in conjunction with creation of a Connect America Fund. In addition, I argued that \$100 million to \$300 million in funding for mobility was totally insufficient to accomplish the goals of providing universal mobile broadband coverage.
2. That the FCC use forward-looking cost models as opposed to reverse auctions to distribute USF support.
3. That any phase down of existing wireless support be accomplished in a competitively neutral manner and over a time period sufficient to ensure a smooth transition to any newly adopted funding program.
4. That as part of any USF reform effort, the FCC should make broadband a supported service so that companies can use USF funding for 4G deployment as soon as possible.

In addition, I also indicated that US Cellular has announced its intention to begin deployment of LTE in certain unspecified market areas by the end of 2011.

Sincerely,

/s/

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