



May 20, 2011

EX PARTE

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

Re: Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; 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 No. 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket No. 03-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 19, 2011, Maggie McCready (Verizon), Jim Stegeman (CostQuest), Melissa Newman and Jeff Glover (CenturyLink), Mike Lieberman (AT&T), Mike Saperstein (Frontier), Jennie Chandra and Frank Schueneman (Windstream), and the undersigned met with Michael Steffen of the FCC's Office of General Counsel, and Sharon Gillett, Joe Cavender, Ted Burmeister, Katie King, Rohit Dixit, Gary Seigel, Amy Bender, Patrick Halley, Steve Rosenberg, Kevin King, Trent Harkrader and Carol Matthey of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau.

Our discussion centered on the development of a model that would accurately identify the costs of building and operating broadband networks in high-cost areas throughout the country. Such a model could be used to identify areas that are high-cost to deliver broadband, some of which may be currently unserved, and to determine amounts of support to ensure that broadband services of a specific nature are available in those areas. We discussed the advantages of a greenfield network build and differences between that approach and the National Broadband Plan's network augmentation build approach, which was used to size the cost of extending currently existing networks to unserved areas. In particular, we discussed a number of modeling issues around broadband network configurations, business and residential customer location data, and capital and operating expenditure inputs for broadband networks including regional and company size variations. We also discussed different geographical areas that could be used to display model results and to calculate support, including census block groups, counties and wire centers and the importance of public verification of the model's operation.

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Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this filing in each of the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Banks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" at the end.

Jonathan Banks

c: Maggie McCready
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Melissa Newman
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