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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th 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, *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 23, 2011 in Valdez, Alaska the following separate groups of people met with Carol Matthey, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Also participating in each of these meetings was Meagan Foster, Legislative Assistant to Senator Mark Begich. The focus of discussions was to enlighten Ms. Matthey regarding the unique circumstances of the state and to endeavor to convince her of the impending devastation to the communications environment, the communities and the citizens of Alaska that will result if certain modifications to high-cost support as proposed in the above noted dockets – especially reverse auctions or modeling – are adopted.

Seven groups met with Ms. Matthey as follows:

Greg Berberich, CEO, Matanuska Telephone Association
Ken Bahr, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, MTA
Eric Anderson, Director/Engineering, MTA
Christine O'Connor, Regulatory Affairs Analyst, MTA
Earl Lackey, Board President, MTA
Kim Robinson, Board Member, MTA
Larry Wiget, Board Member, MTA

Todd Hoppe, General Manager, Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative
Mike Megli, CEO, Nushagak Cooperative

Leonard Steinberg, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Alaska Communications Systems
Lisa Phillips, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Alaska Communications Systems

Steve Merriam, CEO, Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative
Doug Neal, CEO, OTZ Telephone Cooperative
Chester Ballot, OTZ Board President, OTZ Telephone Cooperative

Larry Mayes, CEO, Adak Telephone Utility
Judy Berberich, CFO, Adak Telephone Utility
Ken Trout, Director of Revenue Requirements, Summit Telephone Company

Michael Garrett, Executive Vice President, Alaska Power & Telephone Company

Don Eller, President, Yukon Telephone Company
Paula Eller, Owner, Yukon Telephone Company

Please contact me for further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Rowe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Jim Rowe
Executive Director
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cc: Carol Matthey