



July 14, 2011

Ex Parte Notice

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

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In the Matter of Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket 01-92; 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 Wednesday, July 13, 2011, the undersigned on behalf of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association ("NTCA") met with Angela Kronenberg, the wireline legal advisor to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, to discuss matters related to the above-referenced proceedings.

NTCA discussed how its proposals for reform could provide a reasonable, sensible transition from the current universal service fund ("USF") and intercarrier compensation ("ICC") mechanisms toward a modernized system of support for consumers and networks in rural areas. NTCA also expressed concerns with respect to other proposals that would arbitrarily limit support or "flash cut" any USF or ICC reforms and thereby create the substantial risk of increased prices for services, lagging service quality, or even network failures. NTCA's positions on these points were consistent with those expressed in its comments and reply comments in the above-referenced proceedings. *See* Comments of NTCA, *et al.* (filed April 18, 2011), at 28-36, 38-47, and Tables 1 through 8; Reply Comments of NTCA, *et al.* (filed May 23, 2011), at 6-16, 55-59, and 61-64.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 351-2016 or mromano@ntca.org.

Sincerely,

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