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

**Re: 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 No. 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 July 29, 2011, James Assey, Jennifer McKee and the undersigned on behalf of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA) spoke by telephone with Zac Katz, Chief Counsel and Senior Legal Advisor for Chairman Genachowski, and Michael Steffen of the Office of General Counsel to discuss issues related to the above-captioned dockets. Specifically, we discussed a universal service high-cost support and intercarrier compensation proposal being developed by a group of large and mid-sized incumbent local exchange carriers. We expressed support for the Commission to seek comment on this proposal from a broad group of interested stakeholders, whose perspectives are likely to differ from the incumbent local exchange carriers that developed the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Steven F. Morris**

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cc: Z. Katz
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