



August 8, 2011

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **Ex parte filing** in CC Docket No. 01-92; WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 07-135 and 10-90; and GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This morning, Alan Pedersen and I from GVNW conducted an ex parte meeting with the following Wireline Competition Bureau staff: Patrick Halley, Amy Bender, Brad Gillen, and Joseph Cavender.

The ex parte meeting consisted of a discussion of the attached document related to potential rule changes for tribal/native regions. The proposed Subpart L is what we believe is the end-game solution set for Alaska and Hawaii rate of return carriers by establishing a separate Tribal/Native Broadband Fund (TBF). As stated in the November 22, 2010 letter to Chairman Genachowski from United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D, Hawaii): “...*first, to underscore the fact that a ‘one size fits all’ approach to universal service fund reform is unrealistic..*”

The Subpart L approach would meet the Commission’s objectives of support being cost-based and constructed in a manner that would be auditable, verifiable, and transparent.

As required by the Commission’s rules, this ex parte record is now filed in the above referenced dockets. If there are any questions, please call me on 503.612.4409.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 8/8/11

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Attachments