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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket No. 07-135; WC Docket No. 05-337; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, John Bergmayer and Harold Feld of Public Knowledge (PK) met with Zach Katz (Chairman's Office), Sharon Gillett (WCB), Carol Matthey (WCB), Amy Bender (WCB/TAPD), Alexander Minard (WCB/TAPD), and Michael Steffen (OGC), to discuss the PK/Benton proposal that would require USF recipients to provide interconnection/Internet point-of-presence to community broadband networks in underserved areas. The discussion focused on various ways to implement such a requirement--from one that would require recipients to construct necessary facilities to one that would simply require recipients to allow community networks to interconnect where feasible. PK intends to provide further data on the cost, benefits, and administrability of this proposal.

PK also provided data from Chattanooga EPB which provides operational details of how a large scale, urban community network works. While a community such as Chattanooga is not necessarily the kind of area that would benefit from a USF interconnection requirement as PK/Benton has proposed, data such as these can inform the Commission's thinking on the effectiveness of alternative approaches to providing broadband. These data are attached to this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

/s John Bergmayer
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