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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA), Steve Morris and I met on September 26, 2011, with Angela Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, to discuss issues related to the above-captioned dockets. We urged the Commission to expeditiously reform the universal service high-cost support and intercarrier compensation mechanisms. Specifically, we stated that the Commission should provide certainty regarding the ability of providers to receive compensation for terminating calls, regardless of the technology used by the end user of the call; should ensure that its reforms are competitively and technologically neutral, rather than adopting proposals that favor incumbent phone companies; and should adopt meaningful, enforceable fiscal constraints on high-cost support.

We also spoke by phone to Zac Katz, Chief Counsel and Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski, on September 22, 2011. In that call we discussed the incumbent phone companies' proposed right of first refusal and the importance of ensuring that broadband is deployed to unserved areas as quickly as possible in a competitively neutral and non-discriminatory manner.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Jennifer K. McKee**  
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cc: A. Kronenberg  
Z. Katz