



September 29, 2011

EX PARTE

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

Re: Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; 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 Friday, September 23, 2011, Walter McCormick, Jr. and I met with Commissioner McDowell and Christine Kurth. We discussed the pressing need for comprehensive reform of the FCC's universal service and intercarrier compensation rules. Reform will expand broadband connectivity in rural areas, and bring all the benefits of Internet connectivity to millions more people. We discussed these benefits and how the Commission can accomplish its goals within the budget of today's high cost fund. We also discussed aspects of the Consensus Framework letter filed with the Commission on July 29, 2011, in the above-referenced dockets, as well as the ABC Plan, filed on July 29, 2011, also in the above-referenced dockets.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this filing in each of the dockets identified above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Banks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" and the last name "Banks" clearly legible.

Jonathan Banks

c: Christine Kurth