



POLICY & ACTION FROM CONSUMER REPORTS

October 5, 2011

Marlene Dortch
Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice
WC Docket No. 10-90 (Connect America Fund)
GN Docket No. 09-51 (National Broadband Plan)
WC Docket No. 07-135 (Establishing Just & Reasonable Rates for LECs)
WC Docket No. 05-337 (High-Cost Universal Service Support)
CC Docket No. 01-92 (Developing United ICC Regime)
CC Docket No. 96-45 (Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service)
WC Docket No. 03-109 (Lifeline and Link-Up)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 5, 2011, Mark Cooper of Consumer Federation of America and I met with Edward Lazarus, Chief of Staff to Chairman Genachowski and Zachary Katz, Chief Counsel & Senior Legal Advisor to Staff to Chairman Genachowski.

We urged the Commission to reform USF and ICC in a manner that will not increase rates for consumers. We stated that reductions in ICC payments should not be offset by increases in SLCs. We stated that the incumbent local telephone companies are earning already excess profits, especially when considering all revenues. Thus, any cost recovery by the carriers must first be justified before raising costs on consumers.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b), this letter is being filed electronically with your office today.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Parul P. Desai".

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