



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 September 29, 2011, I had a telephone conversation with Angela Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn. Separately, I had a telephone conversation with Zachary Katz, Chief Counsel & Senior Legal Advisor to Staff to Chairman Genachowski.

In my conversation with them, I expressed concerns over the ABC proposal. Specifically, I expressed concern over the proposed SLC increase. I stated that consumers, especially the most vulnerable, should not bear the burden of increased costs and urged them to consider alternative proposals that would not result in increased costs to 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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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