



POLICY & ACTION FROM CONSUMER REPORTS
October 10, 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 6, 2011, I met with Margaret McCarthy, Policy Advisor for Broadband, Wireline, and Universal Service to Commissioner Copps and Angela Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn.

I urged the Commission to reform USF and ICC in a manner that will not increase rates for consumers. I stated that reductions in ICC payments should not be offset by increases in the rates that consumers pay. I stated that the incumbent local telephone companies are earning already excess profits, thus, any cost recovery by the carriers must first be justified before raising costs on consumers. Finally, I stated that it appears the current USF reform effort would provide tangible and actual benefits to the carriers but only theoretical benefits 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 that reads "Parul P. Desai".

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