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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th 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 October 11, 2011, Michael Powell, President and CEO of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA), and James Assey, Executive Vice President of NCTA, met with Commissioner Copps and his Wireline Policy Advisor Margaret McCarthy to discuss issues related to the above-captioned dockets. On October 10, 2011, Mr. Assey, Steve Morris and the undersigned spoke by telephone with Ms. McCarthy on the same issues. 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 target support to areas that are not served by an unsubsidized competitor.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jennifer K. McKee

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cc: M. Copps
M. McCarthy