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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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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 an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; IP-Enabled Services, WC Docket No. 04-36

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 11, 2011, Jim Cicconi and Hank Hultquist of AT&T, and Tom Tauke and I of Verizon met with Eddie Lazarus, Chief of Staff of the Commission, and Zac Katz, Chief Counsel & Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss America's Broadband Connectivity Plan ("ABC Plan") and the need for comprehensive universal service and intercarrier compensation reform. In particular, we addressed the extensive consumer benefits that would result from the ABC Plan, if adopted by the Commission. We discussed prior Commission decisions that made significant changes to the intercarrier compensation regime and the consumer benefits that followed those decisions including lower prices, improved wireline and wireless services, and more widespread deployment of innovative technologies.

We agreed with Chairman Genachowski's public statements regarding the need to ensure that universal service and intercarrier compensation reforms put consumers first and said that the ABC Plan would support significant and tangible consumer benefits. Those benefits include expanded reach of broadband networks, new jobs, growth in GDP, and billions of dollars in consumer surplus gains, among other things. We urged the Commission to adopt the ABC Plan without delay.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Grillo".