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Ex Parte Communication

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket No. 03-109*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, October 13, 2011, several representatives of the Alaska Rural Coalition (ARC) met with FCC staff. George Foote and I from Dorsey & Whitney LLP spoke with Angela Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn and Margaret McCarthy, Wireline Policy Advisor to Commissioner Copps to discuss matters related to the above-referenced proceedings. Michael Burke, Burke Watson, Inc. and Kenneth Bahr, Regulatory Manager of Matanuska Telephone Association participated in the discussions via telephone.

We briefly discussed the ARC's Ex Parte filing from October 12, 2011, including the redlined proposed rules. We discussed the potential impacts of the Commission's reform efforts on RLECs in Alaska and the need for a safety net. We also provided, for illustration only, a snapshot of a GVNW model of what reform could do to support for a rural Alaska company, attached.

If you have any questions or I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Angela Kronenberg
Margaret McCarthy