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***Ex Parte Notice***

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

***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 01-92; 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 October 16, 2011, the undersigned of NECA spoke via telephone with Rebekah Goodheart of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss matters related to the above-referenced proceedings. During our meeting I discussed the Commission's proposed restructure mechanism (RM) calculation and, in particular, the potential issues for the recovery of interstate switched access costs for rate of return companies.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey E. Dupree". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

cc: Rebekah Goodheart