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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17, 2011, Michael Powell, President and CEO of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA), and James Assey, Executive Vice President of NCTA, met with Commissioner Clyburn and her Wireline Legal Advisor Angela Kronenberg to discuss issues related to the above-captioned dockets. On October 17, 2011, Steve Morris and I of NCTA spoke by telephone with Ms. Kronenberg 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 ensure that its reforms are competitively and technologically neutral, rather than providing a right of first refusal to incumbent phone companies; should target support to areas that are not served by an unsubsidized competitor; and 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.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Jennifer K. McKee**

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cc: M. Clyburn  
A. Kronenberg