



National Cable & Telecommunications Association
25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW – Suite 100
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 222-2300
www.ncta.com

Jennifer K. McKee
Vice President and Associate General Counsel

(202) 222-2460
(202) 222-2446 Fax

October 18, 2011

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 17, 2011, Michael Powell, President and CEO of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA), and James Assey, Executive Vice President of NCTA, met with Eddie Lazarus, Chief of Staff to Chairman Genachowski, to discuss issues related to the above-captioned dockets. Specifically, they discussed the unique costs and challenges of providing broadband in Alaska, and urged the Commission to ensure that these challenges are adequately addressed in any universal service high-cost support and intercarrier compensation reform measures.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jennifer K. McKee

Jennifer K. McKee

cc: E. Lazarus