

October 19, 2011

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice
WC Docket No. 10-90 (Connect America Fund)
GN Docket No. 09-51 (National Broadband Plan)
WC Docket No. 07-135 (Establishing Just & Reasonable Rates for LECs)
WC Docket No. 05-337 (High-Cost Universal Service Support)
CC Docket No. 01-92 (Developing United ICC Regime)
CC Docket No. 96-45 (Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service)
WC Docket No. 03-109 (Lifeline and Link-Up)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 17, 2011, Joyce A. Rogers, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, Cristina Martin Firvida, Director of Financial Security and Consumer Affairs Team, Chris A. Baker, Senior Strategic Advisor, AARP Public Policy Institute and I met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and her staff, Angela Kronenberg.

Ms. Rogers thanked the Commissioner for the meeting and expressed AARP's support for the Commission's work in resolving a number of issues affecting telecommunications services and advancing the deployment of broadband to unserved areas. Ms. Rogers said that AARP did have some concerns regarding wireline increases for consumers.

Ms. Doneghy commended the Commission for undertaking the challenges that will be addressed in the hearing. She stated that any increase in the cost of basic telephone service via a cost recovery mechanism for local carriers or an increase in the subscriber line charge impacts the affordability of home phone service in these tough economic times.

Ms. Doneghy stated that the \$1 billion in savings presumed for wireless consumers would be only pass through savings, and historically, pass through savings are usually at the discretion of industry and seldom result in tangible benefits for consumers.

Ms. Kronenberg offered AARP an opportunity to submit ideas to the Commissioner on tangibles that would benefit consumers.

We agreed to submit our recommendations on tangibles that would benefit consumers in a timely manner.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b), this letter is being filed electronically with your office today.

Respectfully Submitted,

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