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**Via ECFS**

Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: American Cable Association (“ACA”) *Ex Parte* Meeting; In the Matter of  
Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 20, 2011, Ross Lieberman of ACA and the undersigned, Thomas Cohen of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP on behalf of ACA, had a telephone conversation with Zac Katz, Chief Counsel and Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski to discuss issues related to the above-captioned dockets. We discussed the Commission’s proposals to reform the universal service High-Cost fund, including the creation of a new broadband fund (Connect America Fund) and the distribution mechanism for that support. ACA strongly opposes giving price cap incumbent carriers a right of first refusal. Rather, the Commission should award support through competitive bidding, which would be the most efficient and fiscally responsible method of distribution.

This letter is being filed electronically pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules.

Sincerely,



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