



October 21, 2011

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
Docket Control
(via FCC electronic filing system)

Ex Parte Submission

Re: 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 21 2011, Chris A. Baker, Senior Strategic Advisor, AARP Public Policy Institute and I met by phone with Christine Kurth, Policy Director and Wireline Counsel staff to Commissioner Robert McDowell.

We 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. However, we stated that AARP did have some concerns regarding wireline increases for consumers.

We also reviewed with Ms. Kurth four points noted in a letter to Commissioner Clyburn on behalf of AARP's members. First, we ask the Commission to mitigate the impact of any Access Recovery Charge (ARC) fee by decreasing the Subscriber Line Charge (SLC). Second, we support the reclassification of VoIP as a telecommunications service. Third, we urged the Commission to require carriers to file annual reporting on any savings passed through to consumers as a result of the expected \$1 billion in savings from reforms to inter-carrier compensation. Fourth, we asked that the Commission to make broadband eligible for Section 254 support. We also discussed our interest in IP to IP interconnection as expressed in a recent letter to the Commission written by Sen. Mark Warner VA.

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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