



## CALIFORNIA TELEHEALTH NETWORK

November 21, 2011

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte in WC Docket No. 02-60, California Telehealth Network

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. 1.1206, we hereby provide notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above captioned proceeding. On Wednesday, November 9, 2011, Eric Brown, President & CEO of the California Telehealth Network (CTN) met in person with Sharon Gillett, Chief Wireline Competition Bureau, Trent Harkader, Chief Telecommunication Access Policy Division W.C.B., and Attorney Advisors Linda L. Oliver and Chin Yoo to provide a CTN update on progress and challenges involved in the deployment of the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program (RHCPP) in California.

CTN thanked the Wireline Competition Bureau for RHCPP funding support and requested consideration for additional uncommitted funding to ensure further expansion of the successful deployment of California's first and only statewide health care network. CTN also offered to assist the FCC by providing input as appropriate on any future planned RHCPP or Rural Health Care Standard Program policies, procedures or reporting.

**Value Add Proposal:** CTN presented to the FCC plans to be a Network of Resources. CTN is poised to be a turnkey network solution that aggregates supply and demand for multiple types of health care related services. It is an ideal mechanism for large and small health care entities to give and receive specialty services from CTN member sites.

**CTN Growth:** The current and projected CTN growth was presented to the FCC indicating that CTN site activations began in December, 2010 and that CTN has 97 sites with access to the network including 30 CENIC and University of California sites. In addition, the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) is in the process of connecting all Native American Health Sites to CTN and Blue Cross recently agreed to convert 62 California sites to CTN. Currently, CTN is in discussions with Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Kaiser Permanente, Adventist Health, Sutter Health, Catholic Health Care West and other multiple site health care providers in California interested in CTN participation.

**RHCPP Funding Needs:** CTN presented on the request filed for additional RHCPP funding to address additional CTN funding needs due to site bandwidth needs running higher than projected, thus cutting CTN's original site target of 858 in half. Additional RHCPP funds will allow CTN to achieve its original site target.

CTN is committed to the shared goal of providing quality health care through the deployment of broadband to rural and underserved communities throughout California. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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