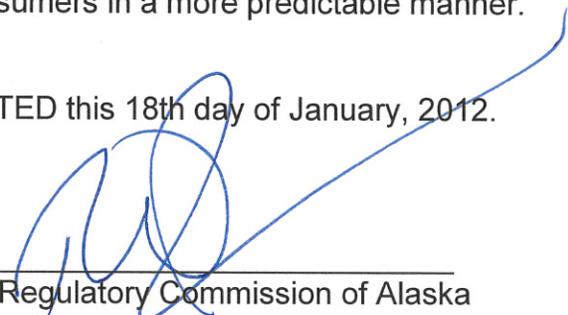


there is not always enough money to do everything at the same time. As these comments explain, however, the value telecommunications infrastructure brings to remote Alaska communities is far greater than elsewhere. The RCA is ready to work as a partner with the FCC in furthering USF reform tailored to Alaska's specific and significant need for high cost support. We believe such partnership would best preserve existing service and bring the broadband services identified by the FCC to Alaskan consumers in a more predictable manner.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of January, 2012.



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Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
T.W. Patch, Chairman

