

April 12, 2012

**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51; *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135; *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337; *Developing an Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 10, 2012, Martin Cary, Lewis Schnaper, Megan Delany, and Chris Nierman of General Communication, Inc. ("GCI"), and John Nakahata of Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, also on behalf of GCI, met with Christine Kurth, Policy Director and Wireline Counsel to Commissioner McDowell. We provided two power point presentations, both of which are attached, including the presentation that was filed confidentially at the FCC on March 7, 2012. A redacted copy of this presentation is included below and incorporated via reference herein.

In addition, with respect to GCI's petitions for reconsideration of the *CAF Order*, we stated that, as modified by GCI's ex parte of March 7, 2012, the only reconsideration request that predictably affects the budget "score" is the request to modify the Remote Alaska cap initialization to better preserve support for recent deployment (Issue #1 in the attached presentation). Altering the method for calculating the baseline for the final CETC phase-down to incent continued deployment (Issue #2 in the attached presentation), may redistribute funding among Remote Alaska ETCs, but will not alter the total amount of capped Remote Alaska support. With respect to including all Remote Alaska CETC support in the initial cap (issue #3 in the attached presentation), as modified by GCI, this will have no predictable impact on the level of USF disbursements in Remote Alaska (i.e., the budget score impact will be uncertain but center on zero, all things being equal). I will set out the reasons why this is the case in a separate ex parte.

In addition to the meeting with Ms. Kurth, I separately discussed the points summarized above regarding GCI's petitions for reconsideration Joe Cavender, Attorney Adviser,

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Telecommunications Access Policy Division, and Patrick Halley, Legal Adviser to the Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, on April 11, 2012.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Nakahata". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

John T. Nakahata  
*Counsel to General Communication Inc.*

cc: Christine Kurth  
Joe Cavender  
Patrick Halley