

April 13, 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 11, 2012, Lewis Schnaper, Martin Cary, Megan Delany, and Chris Nierman of General Communication, Inc. (“GCI”), along with John Nakahata of Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, also on behalf of GCI met with the following:

- Michael Steffen, Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski
- Trent Harkrader, Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division (“TAPD”)
- Lisa Hone of the Wireline Competition Bureau
- Christianna Barnhart of the TAPD
- Linda Oliver of the TAPD
- Chin Yoo of the TAPD

The GCI attendees distributed the attached presentation, which summarizes the points made during the meeting. In addition, GCI pointed out that many of the characteristics that the USAC Rural Health Care Division cited as “Characteristics of Successful Pilot Projects” in its letter to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Docket No. 02-60 (dated March 14, 2012) have also made the primary telecommunications and internet Rural Health Care program successful in rural Alaska. In particular, the regional health corporations in rural Alaska provide strong, centralized leadership, centralized contracting and invoicing and health care community buy-in (because they are the health care providers in their respective regions). These entities generally support a regional hospital or hub clinic that supports health care delivery in village clinics staffed by non-physician health aides.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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