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**VIA ECFS**

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

**Re: Ex Parte Notice of Mediacom  
Connect America Fund, et. al, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337,  
03-109, GN Docket No. 09-51, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, and WT  
Docket No. 10-208**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Dan Templin, President, Mediacom Telephony and Senior Vice President, Mediacom Communications (collectively, "Mediacom"), Roger Moss, Carrier Relations Officer and Voice Operations Director for Mediacom Telephony and Anne Sokolin-Maimom, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Mediacom Communications, and John Heitmann and Denise Smith, both of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, met in separate meetings on June 11, 2012 with: (1) Priscilla Delgado Argeris, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel; (2) Sharon Gillett, Carol Matthey and Amy Bender of the Wireline Competition Bureau and Michael Steffen, Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski; and (3) Commissioner Pai and Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff, Commissioner Pai's Office; and in separate meetings on June 12, 2012 with: (1) Commissioner Clyburn, Angela Kronenberg, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, and Keia Johnson, Intern, Commissioner Clyburn's Office; and (2) Christine Kurth, Policy Director and Wireline Counsel to Commissioner McDowell, to introduce Mediacom's telephony and broadband business and to discuss several policy issues pertinent to the Connect America Fund ("CAF") proceeding.

In particular, Mediacom emphasized the extent of its privately funded broadband network and the speed of the broadband service offerings it brings to rural America. Mediacom

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illustrated how its deployment of fiber to cell towers has enabled it to bring fiber-based services to more rural communities and businesses.

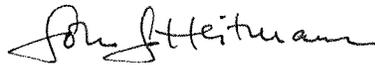
Mediacom also discussed issues pertinent to the ongoing CAF proceeding and stressed the Company's view that CAF support should not be provided where Mediacom provides broadband services. Mediacom emphasized the need to define the reference to "substantially unserved" in Commission rule 54.313, 47 C.F.R. § 54.313, to ensure CAF support funds are appropriately targeted to where unsubsidized competitors are not already providing broadband service. Mediacom also explained that an inefficient cost model can result in over-subsidization which can devalue current privately funded facilities investment and provide disincentives to future privately funded facilities investment. Mediacom shared its experience with Clearwave, a wholesale customer of Mediacom's broadband services and recent recipient of federal and state government broadband stimulus funds for broadband investment in southern Illinois. After receiving over \$42M in broadband stimulus funds (\$31.5M from the federal Broadband Technology Opportunity Program and \$11.3M in state stimulus funding), Clearwave installed middle- and last-mile fiber facilities in the same geographic area, often duplicating Mediacom's existing broadband network facilities in that area. As a result, Clearwave and its underlying customers will be moving off of Mediacom's privately funded broadband network and onto Clearwave's publicly funded network. Mediacom suggested that this experience in which public funds were used to overbuild and devalue existing private investment is the type of inefficient use of funding that must be avoided when the Commission distributes support from the CAF. Mediacom also addressed suggested improvements to the competitive bidding and eligible telecommunication carrier ("ETC") designation processes, noting that the Commission should take steps to reduce barriers to entry posed by the latter.

Mediacom distributed the attached presentation during the meeting to provide further detail about the points described above. With respect to page 10 of the deck, Mediacom explained that the red line indicates 10 gigabit backbone fiber, while the green line indicates 1 gigabit local fiber.

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This letter is being filed electronically pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



John J. Heitmann

*Counsel to Mediacom Communications*

Attachment

cc: Priscilla Delgado-Ageris, Sharon Gillett, Carol Matthey, Amy Bender, Michael Steffen, Commissioner Pai, Matthew Berry, Commissioner Clyburn, Angie Kronenberg, Commissioner Clyburn, Keia Johnson, Christine Kurth