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

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

Re: Universal Service Fund Data Collection

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In connection with universal service reforms recently adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (Commission), the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) has recalculated the National Average Cost Per Loop (NACPL) for HCLS for the period July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 pursuant to Commission directive.¹

Attachment 1 provides an overview of the NACPL recalculation, assumptions, and data used.

Also provided is a compact disc containing the underlying data and a schedule of HCLS for all carriers for the six-month period of July 1, 2012 to December 1, 2012. Data for cost companies and average schedule companies are provided in the same format as the annual HCLS submission made in accordance with section 36.613 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 36.613).

¹ See Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337, Order, DA 12-646 (rel. Apr. 25, 2012), note 29; see also *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 Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Lifeline and Link-Up*, WC Docket No. 03-109, *Universal Service – Mobility Fund*, WT Docket No. 10-208, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011) ¶ 259. Specifically, the Commission instructed NECA to “provide to the Bureau a recalculated NACPL for redistribution and a schedule of HCLS for all carriers for the six-month period of July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 within 30 days of the release of this order.”

Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this filing is requested. A duplicate letter is provided for this purpose. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to me.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Leonard

Enclosures

Duplicate Letter
PC Compact Disks

cc: Sharon E. Gillett – Chief, WCB
Universal Service Administrative Company