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1560 Broadway  
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**Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90  
Report for Covered Services Provided in the State of Colorado**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On behalf of NE Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless (“Viaero” or the “Company”), a wireless service provider designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier by the Colorado

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Public Service Commission, please find attached a redacted public version of a Report submitted by Viaero in compliance with requirements specified by the Wireline Competition Bureau and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau in the *CAF Clarification Order*.<sup>1</sup> The redacted public version of the Report has been marked “**REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.**”

Viaero is also submitting, under separate cover, a confidential version of the Report. The confidential version is marked “**CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.**”

Please contact the undersigned at 703-584-8670 if any questions arise concerning the above-referenced enclosures or if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven M. Chernoff

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Attachment

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<sup>1</sup> *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.*, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 605 (Wireline Comp. Bur., Wireless Telecom. Bur. 2012) (“*CAF Clarification Order*”).

**ATTACHMENT**



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The Wireline Competition Bureau subsequently notified ETCs that information filed pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(2)-(6) of the Commission's Rules must be filed not later than July 2, 2012, with the Commission, and also with the Administrator of the Universal Service Administrative Company, the relevant state commission, the relevant authority in a U.S. Territory, or Tribal governments, as appropriate.<sup>5</sup>

Information that will be submitted by Viaero this year to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission ("Colorado PUC"),<sup>6</sup> and that is within the parameters of the filing requirements adopted in the *CAF Clarification Order* and contained in Section 54.313(a)(2)-(6) of the Commission's Rules, is hereby reported to the Commission in the following sections.

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<sup>5</sup> *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Filing Deadline of July 2, 2012, for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers To File Reports Pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(2) Through (a)(6) of the Commission's Rules*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.*, Public Notice, DA 12-729 (rel. May 8, 2012) (citing 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(i)).

<sup>6</sup> The general annual state ETC reporting deadline for Viaero in Colorado is August 15. *See* Rule 2187(f)(I), 4 CCR 723-2. The Colorado PUC has also provided that ETCs that are required to file annual reports with the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(2)-(6) must file a copy with the Colorado PUC of the same documentation required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(2)-(6), together with certain additional information specified by the Colorado PUC, not later than July 2, 2012. *See* Colorado PUC, *Certification to the Federal Communications Commission of Rural and Non-Rural Local Exchange Carriers and Lifeline Only Eligible Telecommunications Carriers To Receive Universal Service Support Pursuant to 47 CFR, § 54.314 and Reporting Requirements Pursuant to § 54.313 and § 54.422*, Docket No. 12M-273T, Order Opening a Miscellaneous Repository Docket for Annual Reporting of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers, Including Lifeline Only Carriers, and Concerning Motions for an Extension of Time To File, Decision No. C12-0317 (mailed Mar. 23, 2012), Errata Notice, Decision No. C12-0317-E (mailed Mar. 29, 2012). The information submitted to the FCC by Viaero in today's Report reflects information required by the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(2)-(6). Because the additional items requested by the Colorado PUC are not required under those provisions of the FCC rules, Viaero will submit those additional items to the Colorado PUC under separate cover not later than July 2, 2012.

**1. Outage Reporting.**

An ETC must report any outages of at least 30 minutes in duration on the facilities it owns, operates, leases, or otherwise utilizes that potentially affect at least 10 percent of the end users served in its designated service area or affect a 911 special facility.<sup>7</sup>

In its service areas in Colorado, Viaero experienced [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION] [END CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION] outages, as described, during the reporting period.

**2. Service Requests.**

With respect to the number of requests for service from potential customers within Viaero's service areas in Colorado that were unfulfilled during the period from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011,<sup>8</sup> Viaero, in its report to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission that is due on July 2, 2012, will advise the Colorado commission as fol-

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<sup>7</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(2). With regard to 911 special facilities, Section 4.5(e) of the Commission's Rules provides as follows:

An outage that potentially affects a 911 special facility occurs whenever:

(1) There is a loss of communications to PSAP(s) potentially affecting at least 900,000 user-minutes and: The failure is neither at the PSAP(s) nor on the premises of the PSAP(s); no reroute for all end users was available; and the outage lasts 30 minutes or more; or

(2) There is a loss of 911 call processing capabilities in one or more E-911 tandems/selective routers for at least 30 minutes duration; or

(3) One or more end-office or MSC switches or host/remote clusters is isolated from 911 service for at least 30 minutes and potentially affects at least 900,000 user-minutes; or

(4) There is a loss of ANI/ALI (associated name and location information) and/or a failure of location determination equipment, including Phase II equipment, for at least 30 minutes and potentially affecting at least 900,000 user-minutes (provided that the ANI/ALI or location determination equipment was then currently deployed and in use, and the failure is neither at the PSAP(s) or on the premises of the PSAP(s)). 47 C.F.R. 4.5(e).

<sup>8</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(3).

lows: It is difficult, if not impossible, for Viaero to quantify unfulfilled requests for service within its ETC service territory. Viaero offers all of its customers, including those outside supported areas, the opportunity to return their handset and cancel newly activated service within fifteen (15) days. Throughout Viaero's four-state service territory,

**[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION]** [REDACTED]

**[END CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION]** customers avail themselves of this program each month. Viaero does not track the number of these customers within supported areas in Colorado, nor does Viaero verify or dispute any coverage issues claimed by customers. Often customers use the program for reasons other than inadequate service where they live, work, and play, such as dissatisfaction with a particular handset, desire for a different rate plan (such as a prepaid plan), or for reasons they do not specify.

**3. Consumer Complaints.**

For the period from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, the ratio of consumer complaints filed with either the Commission or the Colorado Public Utilities Commission regarding Viaero's service in the designated ETC service area was **[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION]** [REDACTED] **[END CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION]** complaints per 1,000 handsets.<sup>9</sup>

**4. Ability to Remain Functional in Emergencies.**

An ETC must demonstrate its ability to function in emergency situations as required under the FCC's rules. Viaero hereby certifies that the Company is capable of

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<sup>9</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(4).



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Dated: June 28, 2012

**DECLARATION**

I, Michael Felicissimo, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the Executive Vice President of NE Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless ("Viaero").

2. This Declaration is submitted in support of Viaero's Report, which is being filed with the Commission pursuant to the requirements specified in *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.*, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 605 (Wireline Comp. Bur., Wireless Telecom. Bur. 2012).

3. I declare that the statements contained in the foregoing Report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012



Michael Felicissimo  
Executive Vice President  
NE Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless

**SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO, AND ACKNOWLEDGED** before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.



  
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