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**Electronic Submission**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation**  
*Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future;  
Establishing Just and reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost  
Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation  
Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up;  
Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-  
337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket  
No. 10-208*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Cathy Carpino and I, on behalf of AT&T, spoke by telephone with Carol Matthey, Amy Bender, Patrick Halley, Joe Cavender, and Trent Harkrader of the Wireline Competition Bureau. We discussed the Commission's program for incremental CAF phase 1 funding. We explained that AT&T's decision regarding whether to accept funding would depend in part on whether it would potentially be subject to service obligations that may be adopted only after AT&T's decision is made. We further explained that any retroactive imposition of obligations would prevent the Commission from achieving its goals. We urged the Commission to make clear that there would be no retroactive imposition of obligations on recipients of incremental funding. Additionally, Ms. Carpino posed questions about the scope of an incremental support recipient's service obligations to Ms. Matthey on July 18, most of which were discussed on the Thursday call noted above and one of which was the subject of a brief call between Ms. Carpino and Alex Minard, Ms. Bender, and Mr. Cavender also on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office for inclusion in the public record of the above referenced proceedings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 457-3821.

Sincerely,

/s/ Henry Hultquist

cc: Carol Matthey  
Amy Bender  
Patrick Halley  
Joe Cavender  
Trent Harkrader  
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