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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION  
(With attachment)

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122  
A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, September 19, Dr. Trevor Roycroft, of Roycroft Consulting, Christopher Baker, Senior Strategic Policy Advisor, AARP, and Marti Doneghy, Senior Legislative Representative, AARP, met with Vickie Robinson, Charles Eberle, Ernesto Beckford, and Erica Myers, respectively Deputy Division Chief, Attorney Advisor, and Wireline Bureau staff, to discuss AARP's response to the Federal Communications Commission request for comments and reply to comments on Universal Service Fund contribution methodology reform.

During the meeting, AARP presented a summary of its position regarding USF contribution methodology reform, as provided in the document attached to this filing. AARP further clarified its position for support of USF contribution methodology reform, and urged the Commission to undertake action that will assess all services that benefit from the USF program, especially in light of the expansion of the program to support broadband.

AARP emphasized that supporting broadband without expanding the contribution base to include broadband, one-way VoIP, text messaging, and enterprise services will lead to older households shouldering an unfair and an inequitable share of USF assessments. In fact, compared to younger households, older households currently subscribe to assessed wireless and wireline services at a higher rate, and to unassessed broadband service at a lower rate. AARP also emphasized that extending support to broadband without expanding the contribution to include broadband, text messaging, one-way VoIP, and enterprise services will also threaten the sustainability of the fund.