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Ex Parte Notice

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

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 a 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 Reform – Mobility Fund, WT Docket No. 10-208

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, November 8, 2012, the undersigned, on behalf of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (“NTCA”), spoke via telephone with Carol Matthey and Rebekah Goodheart of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding the above-referenced proceedings.

NTCA expressed support for the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) to address concerns about predictability in support distribution under the new regression analysis-based caps that are slated to change annually. In particular, NTCA discussed practical difficulties of engaging in and reporting upon multi-year network planning efforts in the face of annually-changing caps, and urged the Commission to review and make clear its expectations as to the scope and content of any such reports in light of caps that change in such a manner.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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cc: Carol Matthey
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