



March 28, 2013

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

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; High-Cost
Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, Jonathan Banks and Robert Mayer (USTelecom), Joel Lubin and Michael Lieberman (AT&T), Maggie McCready (Verizon), Malena Barzilai (Windstream), and Jeff Lanning (CenturyLink) met with FCC staff in connection with the proceedings identified above. The FCC participants included Carol Matthey, Amy Bender, Alex Minard, and Steven Rosenberg (by phone).

We discussed the advantages of adopting a particular modeling platform to allow for more focused public debate on specific input and architectural issues such as plant mix, clustering and network sizing. We urged the Bureau to adopt a greenfield modeling platform based on a scorched node approach that will produce a levelized flow of support for providing voice and broadband in high-cost areas over an appropriate time period. We also urged the Bureau to ensure that any platform is internally consistent in the sizing of facilities and estimates of usage. We also discussed the merits of using GeoResults data for customer locations and distributing any remaining locations randomly along roads.

We further discussed approaches to estimating the extent of the obligation to provide broadband service at 6/1.5 Mbps by modeling an FTTd network and using loop length as a proxy for speed.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this notice in each of the above-identified proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Mayer".

Robert Mayer
Vice President, Industry and State Affairs

c: Carol Matthey
Amy Bender
Alex Minard
Steven Rosenberg