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Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Portals, II, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Ex parte

Re: Connect America Fund; WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

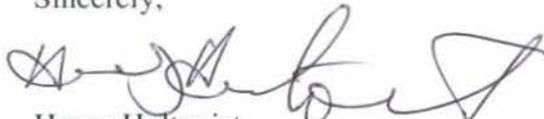
On February 13, 2012, USTelecom filed with the Commission documentation for the CQBAT Model,¹ which updated the ABC Coalition's prior proposal for a forward-looking cost model. In response to a request from Wireline Competition Bureau staff, AT&T is filing this letter to provide additional information about the methodology used to determine that model's plant mix inputs.

In the spring of 2011 AT&T extracted from a network database aerial, buried and underground outside plant mileage data. Within four wire center density bands, the data separately covered copper cables and fiber cables placed in the previous 15 years for each of the 22-state service territories of AT&T's ILECs. The plant mix for aerial, buried and underground copper and fiber cable by four density bands developed by AT&T was calculated based on this mileage information.

AT&T submitted the plant mix info that was developed using this methodology to CostQuest. CostQuest also received inputs from other coalition members and then melded the data to develop the inputs that were first implemented in the CQBAT model and then updated by CostQuest using additional input from one of the other coalition members for use in CAM.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this ex parte notice is being filed electronically for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Steve Rosenberg

¹ Letter from Jonathan Banks, USTelecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90, filed February 13, 2012.