



June 17, 2013

Ex Parte

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

Re: *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 an 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, June 13, 2013, Tina Pidgeon and Chris Nierman of General Communication, Inc. (“GCI”), and I, also on behalf of GCI, spoke with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, and Priscilla Argeris, legal advisor to the Commissioner. On Friday, June 14, 2013, Tina Pidgeon and Chris Nierman of GCI and I met with Nick Degani, wireline legal advisor to Commissioner Ajit Pai. We discussed that if Mobility Fund Phase 2 is structured just as Mobility Fund Phase 1, it is likely that Alaska will not receive sufficient support to maintain current services, let alone to ensure that all Alaskans can receive mobile broadband services. The decision as to how to structure Mobility Fund Phase 2 will be critical for Alaska, as well as other insular areas. In light of the Brattle Group study that estimates the cost of upgrading all of Alaska to 3G at \$596 million, which far outstrips the USF support at current levels and new end user revenues that would be anticipated over the next 5 years, it makes no sense to further cut Alaska high cost support for mobile services.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Commissioner Rosenworcel
Priscilla Argeris
Nicholas Degani