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**Via ECFS**

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

**Re: Fiber-to-the-Home Council Americas *Ex Parte* Presentation Notice: WC Docket No. 10-90, Connect America Fund**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 22, 2013, Heather Gold of the Fiber-to-the-Home Council Americas (“FTTH Council” or the “Council”), along with Thomas W. Cohen, Edward A. Yorkgitis, Jr., and Jameson J. Dempsey of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, counsel to the Council, met with Tim Stelzig, Kristine Fargotstein, Matthew Warner, Steven Rowings, and William Dever of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division; Lisa Hone, Heidi Lankau, Mark Walker, and Alexander Minard of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division; Deena Shetler of the Wireline Competition Bureau; and Tejas Narechania of the Office of General Counsel to discuss the Council’s Petition for Rulemaking to Establish a Gigabit Communities Race-to-the-Top Program (the “Petition”) prior to its filing on July 23, 2013.

During the discussion, the FTTH Council provided an overview of its Petition, explaining that the proposed Gigabit Communities Race-to-the-Top Program (the “Program”) is designed to make seed-money available through a competitive process to close the gap between the high costs of deploying gigabit networks and the relative unavailability of applications running on gigabit platforms that would help justify such network builds. The Council anticipates that the Program would jumpstart and accelerate the more widespread deployment of ultra-high-speed networks across the nation. The Council explained the need for the Program, the proposed application process and eligibility thresholds, the proposed sources of funding, and the legal basis for the Program, all of which are set forth more fully in the Petition. The Council also responded to questions from Commission staff regarding various aspects of the Petition.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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