

August 30, 2013

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**Notice of ExParte**

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

Re: In the Matter of Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90 and High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337.

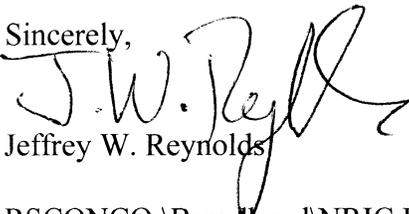
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 28, 2013 Jeff Reynolds and Scott Schultheis of Reynolds Schultheis Consulting and Dan Davis, Mallory Dimitt and Edit Kranner of Consortia Consulting on behalf of the Nebraska Rural Independent Companies (NRIC) had a teleconference with Carol Mattey, Talmage Cox and Amy Bender of the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB). The NRIC representatives and Commission Staff discussed the methodologies and analyses that NRIC performed using the Connect America Model that formed the basis of NRIC's June 17, 2013 comments in WC Docket No. 10-90. While NRIC indicated that it performed its "upper threshold" analyses based on eligible locations, a discussion was had with the WCB Staff participants as to whether such analyses should be based on the 1% of homes referenced in paragraph 533 of the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*.

In addition the NRIC representatives proposed additional location data that should be included in future illustrative runs of the CAM. The additional data would identify locations below the benchmark, the locations above the alternative technology cutoff and the locations between the benchmark and the alternative technology cutoff. NRIC requested that these illustrative runs be produced both for the price cap carriers and the rate-of-return carriers. Ms. Mattey indicated that more illustrative runs would be forthcoming and that the NRIC modifications would be given due consideration although they may not be incorporated in the next iteration of runs.

This letter is being filed pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,



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