



October 31, 2013

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. 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:

On Tuesday, October 29, 2013, the undersigned, on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), spoke via telephone with Nicholas Degani, legal advisor to Commissioner Ajit Pai, to discuss matters in the above-referenced proceeding.

Specifically, consistent with prior *ex parte* communications, NTCA urged reconsideration of the elimination of Safety Net Additive support for companies that qualified based upon investments during 2010 and 2011. *See, e.g., Ex Parte* Letter of Michael R. Romano, Senior Vice President-Policy, NTCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”), WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.* (filed July 26, 2013), at 2. NTCA also urged the Commission to take reasonable steps to facilitate simple study area boundary changes that would enable better delivery of quality telecommunications and broadband services to consumers.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano
Michael R. Romano
Senior Vice President – Policy

cc: Nicholas Degani