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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

**NOTICE VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

**RE: Notice of Oral Ex Partes filed in the proceedings captioned: *In the Matter of the Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90***

Secretary Dortch:

Today, the Deputy Bureau Chief of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau, **Carol Matthey** was on a conference call with South Dakota Commissioner and Chair of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications **Chris Nelson**, the Co-Vice Chairs of the Committee on Telecommunications, Commissioner **Paul Kjellander** (Idaho) and Commissioner **Catherine Sandoval** (California) (and **Bill Johnston**, Commissioner Sandoval's advisor), NARUC Executive Committee Member and immediate past NARUC President, Commissioner **Phil Jones** (Washington), the State Chair of the Universal Service Joint Board Commissioner **Jim Cawley** (Pennsylvania), the State Chair of the Joint Board on Separations, Commissioner **John Burke** (Vermont), the State Chair of the Joint Conference on Advanced Services, Commissioner **Geoff Why** (Massachusetts), two other members of the Universal Service Joint Board, Commissioner **Stephen Bloom** (Oregon) and Commissioner **Anne Boyle** (Nebraska) (and Commissioner Boyle's advisor **Gene Hand**), another member of the Separations Joint Board, Commissioner **Sally Talberg** (Michigan), another member of the Joint Conference on Advanced Services, Commissioner **Greg Sayre** (New York), and NARUC's General Counsel **Brad Ramsay**. There was little advocacy from NARUC Commissioners during this call, but there was a brief reference to the motion NARUC filed yesterday<sup>1</sup> and several commissioners did express strong support for elimination of the QRA, as well as specifically endorsing the release of the data underlying the average urban rate calculation, and not allowing the new benchmark calculation to go into effect this year. There was also a brief discussion of closer collaboration on pending ETC designations involving carriers seeking State designations that are under investigation by the FCC for non-compliance with the FCC's rules.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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<sup>1</sup> *Petition of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners* (filed April 15, 2014) WC Docket No. 10-90, available online at: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7521098369>.