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**Via ECFS**

Marlene H. 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 May 28, 2014, Heather Gold of the Fiber to the Home Council Americas (“FTTH Council” or the “Council”), along with Thomas Cohen and Jameson J. Dempsey of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, counsel to the Council, met with Carol Matthey, Katie King, Heidi Lankau, and Ian Forbes of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Jonathan Chambers of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis, to discuss the Commission’s Next-Generation Network Experiments in Rural America (“Experiments”).

During the meeting, we discussed the Council’s overall support for the Experiments and elaborated on points made in the Council’s comments submitted in this above-referenced proceeding. The Council agrees the Experiments should be structured to assist in shaping the Connect America Fund (“CAF”) Phase II competitive bidding process and reorienting the overall CAF toward the deployment of robust, scalable all-fiber networks in rural areas. To that end, we emphasized that the Commission should focus on supporting a select number of projects that can be implemented relatively expeditiously. In addition, the projects selected should be cost-effective and have viable and replicable business plans.

This notice is being filed in the above-referenced proceeding according to the Commission’s rules regarding *ex parte* presentations.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me.

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