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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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, *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337, *Developing and Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92, and *Contribution Methodology Reform and Modernization*, WC Docket No. 06-122.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 17, 2014 Ken Pfister of Great Plains Communications, Wendy Thompson Fast of Consolidated Companies, Harold Furchtgott-Roth of Furchtgott-Roth Economic Enterprises and Cheryl L. Parrino of Parrino Strategic Consulting Group met individually with Commissioner Rosenworcel and Ms. Valery Galasso, Mr. Daniel Alvarez of the Chairman's Office, Mr. Nicholas Degani of Commissioner Pai's office and their law clerk and with Ms. Carol Matthey, Mr. Alexander Minard, Mr. Ted Burmeister, Mr. Christopher Cook, and Ms. Suzanne Yelen of the Wireline Competition Bureau. On June 19, 2014 we met with Commissioner Clyburn, Ms. Rebekah Goodheart and Ms. Adrian Peguese and with Commissioner O'Rielly and Ms. Amy Bender. The meetings were held on behalf of the Nebraska Rural Independent Companies (NRIC) to discuss universal service funding for rate of return carriers and contributions reform.

The group indicated that comprehensive reform is need to fairly allocate the current rate of return budget, that support mechanisms should be differentiated for rate of return CAF, that the Commission should establish a policy of no backsliding, that the current limited federal budget highlights the need for a continued strong state funding role and that a reasonable transition that does not "whipsaw" a carriers support should be part of any reform. The details of what was discussed are included in the attachments to this filing. Attachment A was provided to each of the Commissioners and their offices and to the

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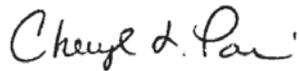
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Wireline Competition Bureau. Attachment B was provided to Commissioner O'Rielly, Commissioner Rosenworcel, Mr. Nicholas Degani of Commissioner Pai's office and the Wireline Competition Bureau. Attachment C is a copy of a previous filing by the NRIC and was provided to Mr. Nicholas Degani of Commissioner Pai's office.

This Ex Parte notice is being filed as required by FCC rules.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

Cc: Commissioner Clyburn  
Commissioner O'Rielly  
Commissioner Rosenworcel  
Daniel Alvarez  
Amy Bender  
Ted Burmeister  
Christopher Cook  
Nicolas Degani  
Valery Galasso  
Rebekah Goodheart  
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