November 9, 2015

Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, DC  20554

Re:  Ex Parte Communication,
WT Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 5, 2015, Cal.net, Inc. (“Cal.net”), represented by Cal.net board member Mr. O’Connor and the undersigned, met with Alex Minard and Katie King of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss matters in the above-captioned proceeding.

The subject of the discussion was Commission support for deployment of voice and broadband-capable networks in high-cost areas, consistent with the principle of competitive neutrality. Cal.net expressed its support generally for the Commission’s ongoing reforms of the universal service system to extend broadband infrastructure to rural areas, including through Connect America Fund Phase II. Cal.net noted that in certain areas for which Phase II subsidies will be provided, Cal.net initiated its provision of broadband and voice service only after the Phase II rules and procedures became final. As a result, areas previously unserved by an unsubsidized competitor are now served (as defined in the Phase II rules), yet also will be served through Phase II subsidies. Cal.net sought clarification of the application of Phase II rules and policies in these circumstances. Cal.net also encouraged the Commission to consider incentives that will encourage facilities-based competition within areas that now are, or will be, served by Phase II support recipients.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

/s E. Ashton Johnston
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cc: Alex Minard
    Katie King