June 1, 2015

***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**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, May 29, 2015, Shirley Bloomfield, Chief Executive Officer of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association ("NTCA"), together with the undersigned, met with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and her wireline legal advisor, Travis Litman, to discuss issues presented in the above-referenced proceedings. Specifically, we discussed the efforts of NTCA and its rural stakeholder allies to engage actively with the Federal Communications Commission (the "Commission") in updating existing cost recovery mechanisms to address consumer demand for broadband services. We discussed in particular the many efforts made by NTCA and other entities that collectively represent the vast majority of the rural telecommunications industry over the past several years to respond to comments from Commission staff regarding their consensus Data Connection Support proposal. We also discussed the need for further, more specific interaction and direction regarding how to update existing cost recovery mechanisms given the Commission's professed interest in doing so by year-end. The undersigned separately discussed the same issues with Daniel Alvarez, legal advisor to Chairman Tom Wheeler, via telephone on the same day.

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,

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