

March 8, 2022

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 45 L Street, NE Washington, DC 20554

RE: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, March 7, 2022, the undersigned, on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association ("NTCA"), spoke with Terri Natoli, Jodie Griffin, Gil Strobel, Karen Sprung, Chris Koves, Irina Asokov, Ahuva Battams, Ted Burmeister, and Claudia Fox of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding matters in the above-referenced proceedings.

NTCA specifically addressed whether and to what degree contribution obligations attach to providers that assess subscriber line charges tariffed at less than the maximum rates specified in the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (the "Commission"). NTCA raised questions related to the current Form 499 instructions and the Commission's current rules in this regard and further inquired as to how such obligations would arise and be calculated and reported for providers of all kinds, whether or not subject to certain Part 69 rules.

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,

<u>/s/ Michael Romano</u> Michael Romano Senior Vice President – Industry Affairs and Business Development

cc: Terri Natoli Jodie Griffin Gil Strobel Karen Sprung Chris Koves Irina Asokov Ahuva Battams Ted Burmeister Claudia Fox