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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband (“WTA”) hereby supplements its response dated November 11, 2016 to the Commission’s Public Notice (*Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Results of Rate-of-Return Carriers That Accepted Offer of Model Support*), WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 16-1246, released November 2, 2016.

WTA continues to advocate the recommendations it made in that response with regard to the ways that the Commission and the Wireline Competition Bureau should address the initial demand for Alternative Connect America Cost Model (“A-CAM”) support.

However, WTA wishes to emphasize here the need for the Commission and the Bureau to implement A-CAM in whole or substantial part this year. The Commission, the Bureau and the rural telephone industry have worked long and hard during 2016 to come up with the universal service plan and mechanisms adopted in the Commission’s March 30, 2016 *Order*.¹ WTA members and other rural telephone companies have long sought the high-cost support they need to extend and upgrade their broadband facilities. The numerous companies electing A-CAM support urge the Commission and Bureau to take the necessary steps this year to put the A-CAM Path into effect so that they can continue making arrangements for the necessary broadband construction and build outs.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ *In the Matter of Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58 and CC Docket No. 01-92, FCC 16-33, released March 30, 2016.