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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:

On Thursday, January 21, 2016, Mark Gailey of Totah Communications, Inc. of Oklahoma and Kansas; and Derrick Owens and Gerry Duffy representing WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband (“WTA”) met with Commissioner Michael O’Rielly and Robin C. Colwell, his Chief of Staff, to discuss universal service reform for rate-of-return carriers.

The discussion focused upon various potential features of the Rate of Return path, including options for build-out requirements, distribution of high-cost support in areas served by unsubsidized competitors, budgets and budget controls, capital expenditure and operating expense limitations, and rate re-prescription. There was also a brief discussion of the Alaska Plan and tribal alternatives. WTA reiterated its interest in working with the Commission and its staff to finalize and implement universal service reforms that enable its members to continue to provide their rural customers with quality, affordable and reasonably comparable voice and broadband services.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this submission is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the referenced proceeding.

 Respectfully submitted,

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