



December 19, 2019

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *Bridging the Digital Divide for Low-Income Consumers, WC Docket No. 17-287; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service – Lifeline and Link-Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42; Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 09-197*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, December 17, 2019, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) met with Trent Harkrader, Ryan Palmer, Jesse Jachman, Jodie Griffin, and Nick Page of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Specifically, NTCA discussed options to implement requirements that contemplate the submission of personally identifiable information by employees of NTCA members in connection with the Lifeline Representative Accountability Database. While supporting efforts by the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) to address concerns about fraud in the use of universal service resources, NTCA discussed the justifications for some level of differentiated treatment as between employees of eligible telecommunications carriers and independent contractors or agents in collecting such information.

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,

/s/ Michael R. Romano
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cc: Trent Harkrader
Ryan Palmer
Jesse Jachman
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