



A Professional Limited Liability Company

307 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1020  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
Telephone: 312-372-3930  
Facsimile: 312-372-3939

**Washington, DC Office**  
1629 K Street NW, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20006

**Bruce E. Beard**  
Admitted in Illinois and Missouri

January 6, 2010

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

**Via ECFS**

**Re: American Cable Association (“ACA”) Notice of Ex Parte Presentation; GN  
Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, 09-137**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, we are electronically filing this letter in the dockets referenced above as notice of a January 5, 2010, meeting with Jennifer Schneider, Commissioner Copps’ Wireline Legal Advisor, and the following persons:

Matthew M. Polka, President and Chief Executive Officer, ACA  
Ross J. Lieberman, Vice President of Government Affairs, ACA  
Bruce E. Beard, Cinnamon Mueller, Outside Counsel for ACA

During the meeting, participants discussed the matters contained in ACA’s filing in the Role of the Universal Service Fund and Intercarrier Compensation in the National Broadband Plan.<sup>1</sup>

ACA explained its proposal for reforming and evolving the Universal Service Fund Program to provide for broadband. ACA representatives discussed capping the fund at the December 31, 2009 level, concepts regarding ways to reform the USF to reduce funding in competitive areas where it is no longer needed, and using the savings from such reforms to fund a broadband fund. ACA representatives also discussed continued funding for current wireline eligible telecom carriers with fewer than 100,000 lines unless they decided to draw from the newly created broadband fund. ACA emphasized that broadband support should be efficient and non-discriminatory, where one industry segment is not favored over another and one technology is not favored over another.

---

<sup>1</sup> See *Comments Sought on the Role of the Universal Service Fund and Intercarrier Compensation in the National Broadband Plan*, Public Notice, GN Dockets 09-47, 09-51, 09-137 (rel. Nov. 13, 2009), Comments of the American Cable Association (filed Dec. 7, 2009).

Sincerely,



Bruce E. Beard

cc: Jennifer Schneider (*via email*)  
Matthew M. Polka  
Ross J. Lieberman