



The voice of mid-size communications companies

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(Washington) The following statement was released today by ITTA – The Voice of Mid-Size Communications Companies and may be attributed to Genny Morelli, President of ITTA:

“ITTA has been working diligently with the FCC and industry stakeholders to expand broadband service throughout rural America through reforms of the current universal service support mechanisms. We are committed to the effort to solve the stand-alone broadband problem and, equally importantly, to develop and implement a voluntary plan to allow rate-of-return (RoR) carriers to participate in the Connect America Fund.

We are pleased to hear of Commissioner Pai’s engagement in the reform process. We are particularly pleased with his recognition of the importance of providing RoR carriers with the opportunity to participate in a model-based support mechanism by the end of this year. His ideas will be entered into the ongoing dialogue. We look forward to continuing to work with all of the Commissioners and their staffs to enact meaningful reforms of the current USF support mechanisms for rate-of-return carriers by the end of this year.”

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