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Pursuant to Rule 8.3 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) hereby timely submits this Notice of Oral Ex Parte filing relating to a meeting with Commissioner Catherine Sandoval as to the above-referenced proceeding.

On Monday, April 25, 2016, Sunne Wright McPeak, President & CEO, CETF, Susan Walters, Senior Vice President, CETF; Olga Talamante, Executive Director, Chicana Latina Foundation, Hugo Morales, Executive Director, Radio Bilingüe, Inc., and Rachelle Chong, CETF outside counsel, met with Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval and her advisor, Dr.

William Johnston, at the Commission's offices at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. The meeting was initiated by CETF and lasted thirty minutes beginning at 12:45 p.m.

During the meeting, Ms. McPeak noted the data CETF had presented in the above-referenced proceeding relating to the Digital Divide in the New Charter service area. She then presented an overview of the broadband adoption commitments in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) struck between CETF and Charter Communications Inc. She described how the MOU will bring new broadband infrastructure to 150,000 unserved households, in rural areas of these counties: Imperial, Riverside, Monterey, Kern, Modoc, San Bernardino, Tulare and Stanislaus. She also described how the MOU agreement provides 75 WiFi public hotspots, and free broadband service to 75 anchor institutions in areas with high numbers of low-income households.

Ms. McPeak then described Charter's affordable broadband offer of \$14.99 to two eligible groups of low-income households (low-income families with a K-12 child enrolled in the National School Lunch Program (free or reduced lunch) and senior citizens receiving Supplemental Security Income). She pointed out that the MOU included an aspirational goal of 350,000 households and that this goal would be tracked and monitored by CETF to ensure compliance by Charter. She highlighted a \$32.5 million fund that Charter voluntarily will donate to CETF in equal installments over five years, to be used primarily for grants to community-based organizations in the New Charter service area for broadband adoption outreach to target communities, including low-income individuals, people with disabilities and seniors not enrolled in SSI. CETF will administrate the grants, and will deliver regular reports to New Charter on the grant program.

Ms. Talamante stated that Chicana Latina Foundation and other community organizations had been consulted by CETF at points during the negotiations to ensure that community based organizations experienced in broadband outreach had input. She stated that the \$14.99 broadband rate was very good for the broadband speed being promised by Charter. She said she hoped this MOU set a standard for future mergers to come before the Commission, and noted the importance of the accountability and tracking of actual results for the affordable broadband offer that the MOU provides.

Mr. Morales of Radio Bilingüe said that he is committed to issues relating to broadband service to rural areas of the state, including impacts on the low-income households who live there. He stated his belief that CETF had done a very good job negotiating a reasonable settlement. He noted that broadband adoption is very hard work in low-income rural communities, and that if the broadband providers don't want to do it, CETF and its community partners like Chicana Latina Foundation know how to do it and will do it effectively. Ms. McPeak noted that the MOU requires in-language marketing by ethnic media such as Radio Bilingüe, to ensure that trusted messengers help get the broadband adoption message into the target communities. CETF grants require regular reporting and verified broadband subscriptions. Mr. Morales said Radio Bilingüe is a trusted messenger in the target community, and works closely with groups like Chicana Latina Foundation to get the word out about the broadband adoption effort. Finally, Ms. McPeak asked that an approval of the application occur promptly so that the public benefits can flow to consumers as quickly as possible.

Attached as Attachment A are written documents that were given to Commissioner Sandoval and her advisor during the meeting.

Respectfully submitted on April 26, 2016 in San Francisco, California.

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ATTACHMENT A