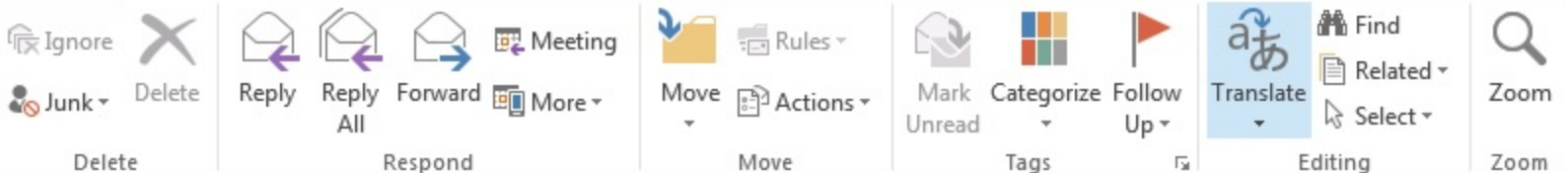


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To Cc 

The PA Telephone Association forwarded over the hearing notice earlier today, and we are sorry to hear Stave Samara is now unable to attend Thursday's hearing.

While Frontier appreciates the offer to attend and provide testimony, it comes at a time when our ability to publicly comment on broadband is extremely limited due to strict communications restrictions related to the FCC's upcoming Connect America Fund Auction. Frontier cannot participate in any public event discussing broadband where even the slightest possibility that the matters discussed might touch on auction strategy or post-Auction market structure, and we are deeply concerned Thursday's hearing may be headed in that exact direction.

Frontier's actions are consistent with FCC Auction Quiet period restrictions as well as a corporate-wide directive at Frontier. However, I can confirm Frontier has filed a short-form application with the FCC to potentially participate in the FCC's CAF II Auction this July.

Again, Frontier regrets not being able to participate in the upcoming hearing, but would be delighted to remain in consideration for future discussions, preferably in the late-2018 timeframe.

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