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Re: WC Docket No. 10-90

Mohawk Networks, LLC

Notice of Withdrawal of New York CAF Phase II Long-Form Application

Shé:kon/Greetings To Whom It May Concern,

Mohawk Networks, LLC ("Mohawk") hereby submits this letter to notify the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Wireline Competition Bureau ("WBC") that it requests to withdraw its pending application for New York State's Connect America Fund ("CAF") Phase II support. Mohawk is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. The company initiated as a for-profit broadband Internet service provider ("ISP") to sell next-generation broadband service to the New York North Country's unserved and underserved areas. Mohawk's fiber-to-the-home ("FTTH") network was built by a \$10.5 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") fund grant, which successfully closed on September 15, 2015.

Realizing the requirements to move off tribal territory and to be compliant with all New York State telecommunications regulations, the Tribal management team under the broadband program, created a five-year business plan that would leverage the existing infrastructure to expand services throughout Northern New York. Mohawk received an incentive proposal through the Empire State Development ("ESD") Broadband Project Office's Phase 3 reverse auction. In May of 2018, Mohawk's project was selected, through the New NY Broadband Program's Phase 3 New York Connect America Fund Auction, to serve 206 census blocks, passing 1286 units (New NY Broadband Program, Application No. 77607).

As part of the NY CAF Form 5625 submitted to the FCC, Mohawk submitted financial data demonstrating that it has sufficient funds to deploy the voice and broadband facilities in the designated areas. However, due to inadequate proposed project budget assumptions, Mohawk Networks made an extremely difficult decision and notified the ESD's Broadband Program Office that the company would not be fulfilling the deployment obligations associated with the NY Broadband Phase 3 grant and the FCC NY CAF buildout obligations. On June 18, 2019 Mohawk Networks signed a notice of termination for the state incentive proposal and project (Phase 2 of the

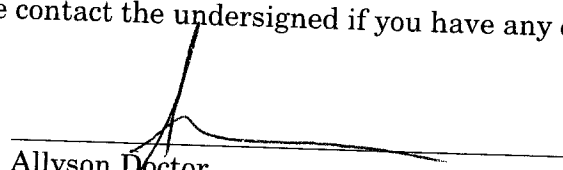
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Since its project was selected last year, Mohawk has worked to attain its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") classification from the FCC, submitting its ETC application on July 2, 2018. Mohawk does not wish to withdraw its ETC designation application, however it will be submitting a revised version based on the fact that its NY CAF application is terminated.

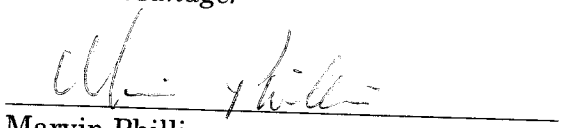
New NY Broadband Program), outlining the reasons for the termination of the project. Since Mohawk terminated Phase 2, it was subsequently disqualified from Phase 3, which is linked to the NY CAF Phase II support.

As such, Mohawk hereby notifies the FCC and WCB that it is withdrawing its NY CAF Phase II application from consideration.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions,


Allyson Doctor
General Manager

10/3/19
Date


Marvin Phillips
Chairman Board of Managers

10/3/19
Date

Cc: Empire State Development Broadband Program Office

Attachment

See attached Notice of Termination and Proposed Letter Agreement