

June 26, 2019

Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)

Attn: Jared Reder

16700 Valley View, Ste 400

La Mirada, CA 90638

RE: CENIC Request for Waiver of Implementation Deadline for Fiber Special Construction – Cienega and Cuddleback Elementary Schools.

Dear Mr. Reder:

AT&T is excited about the opportunity to bring fiber-optic facilities and world-class Ethernet transport services to CENIC members Cienega and Cuddleback Elementary Schools. CENIC has contracted with AT&T, through the Form 470 and RFP process, to build, operate, and maintain fiber infrastructure and services to these schools. AT&T is committed to our relationship with CENIC and looks forward to the opportunity to continue to work together in this endeavor.

The project is well underway and progressing but facing some final obstacles to completion. Accordingly, AT&T supports CENIC’s request for a 6 months extension of the deadline for installation. To support this, we provide below a summary of the construction conditions of these projects, which we feel are unique and challenging, and which justify the requested extension as both necessary and appropriate. Please see a summarized outline of those details below:

**Cienega Elementary - Site ID 591916**

11936 Cienega Rd.

Hollister, CA 95023

San Benito County

**Local and Regional Government Permitting Delays**

Cienega Elementary is located in the far outskirts of Hollister, CA, in the middle of large agricultural areas of San Benito County. Approximately 35,000 feet, over 6 miles, of fiber is required to be placed (both aerial and underground) and spliced to serve Cienega Elementary.

AT&T encountered significant delays in securing a series of permits from the San Benito County Planning department. In addition to the usual permit requirements such as right-of-way approvals and Certification of Insurance, San Benito County required AT&T to develop a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for the County’s review and approval before it would issue construction permits. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and related permits required in this case are not typical of standard construction permitting processes and are location-specific. Development of this one-off Plan, awaiting County review, then obtaining the related permit approval delayed the fiber buildout project by approximately 6 months.

After completing these unforeseen permitting hurdles and in collaboration with CENIC, AT&T now estimates completion date for the construction project to be October 31, 2019.

**Cuddleback Elementry - Site ID 41789**

300 Wilder Rd.

Carlotta, CA 95528

Humboldt County

**Local and Regional Government Permitting Delays**

Cuddleback Elementary is located in the outskirts of Carlotta, CA in rural Humboldt County, CA. The location abuts forest and heavily wooded areas of the Headwaters Forest Reserve portion of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife refuge. This fiber buildout project requires 40,000 feet of fiber, in addition to the placement of the fiber on 100+ poles. Of these poles, 18 will be purchased from electric utility Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E). Due to recent large-scale, devastating fires in Northern California, there has been heightened local scrutiny of pole placement and construction work. This heightened local pole placement and construction review and approval process has added another 5 months of delays to the fiber buildout project.

In addition, during the construction process AT&T discovered the project had to be expanded to construct and upgrade multiple remote wire centers and their related equipment to support the long fiber run. Securing the equipment necessary for monitoring these new circuits delayed the process even more.

Despite these obstacles, AT&T is committed to completing this project with an estimated completion date of October 31, 2019.

Please feel free to contact our CENIC support team for this project (with our primary contact Rhonda J. Lutz listed below) with any questions or additional comments.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist in your efforts to obtain necessary approvals for the extension of the completion deadlines for these projects.

Sincerely,

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