



March 16, 2011

Ms. Sharon Gillett, Chief  
Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Docket 02-60 Request for an extension for RHCPP project for HCP 17264**

Dear Ms. Gillett:

This is a request for a 120 day extension to the deadline for submitting 466A packets for our Rural Health Care Pilot Program project, the Utah Telehealth Network, HCP 17264.

Our project was awarded **\$9,045,959** in support. To date, we have conducted two RFPs:

- Regarding activity affiliated with RFP01, contracts were signed with three telecommunications vendors; three 466A packets were submitted; all three Funding Commitment Letters, totaling **\$3,291,720** in support of broadband for **26** health care facilities, have been received; three Form 467s submitted; and site implementation has begun. No additional 466A packets will be submitted for RFP01. With the exception of implementation and invoicing, RFP01 is complete.
- Regarding activity affiliated with RFP02, four telecommunications vendors have been selected and we are currently nearing completion of the contracts with all four vendors. We anticipate submitting four 466A packets (one per vendor) within the next 30-60 days for the majority of the remaining **\$5,754,239** of support of broadband to about **65** additional health care facilities.

While we do not anticipate a need for an extension, we believe that it is prudent to make the request. If all goes as planned, all 466A packets will be submitted by the deadline, June 30, 2011, and no extension will be required. However, an extension would allow us to address potential delays that might occur. The most likely possibilities include a delay in signing a vendor contract or the submission of a 5th and final 466A packet to include a small number of sites (we'll have about 30 sites wait-listed) to use any last remaining uncommitted funds, if any. It is our goal to ensure that access to broadband is provided to as many eligible Utah health care providers as possible while committing all funds awarded to our project.

The Rural Health Care Pilot Program has been enthusiastically embraced by the Utah health care community. The improved broadband infrastructure will expand telehealth capabilities and facilitate adoption of health information technology which, in turn, will improve access to and



delivery of health care in Utah. We respectfully request your consideration of our request for a 120 day extension to ensure that we can make the most of the funds awarded to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb LaMarche".

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